

**SOUTHWOOD PARK WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE CHANGES**

After 65 years of providing our neighborhood with an ongoing supply of clean, safe water, our Southwood Park Water District is long overdue for renewal. To continue providing this service, the District's infrastructure needs long-overdue maintenance, upgrades, and capital improvements. Accordingly, your Board of Commissioners is proposing a resolution to adopt a one-year interim rate increase. The new rates for purchase of water and water services provided by the District would become effective September 1, 2021. The hearing will take place at the regular monthly board meeting for July and is called under provisions of ORS 264.312.

Date: July 28, 2021
Time 7:00 pm
Location: Meadow Springs Community Church
12647 SW 62nd Ave, Portland OR 97219

For more information, email spwd.chair@gmail.com or drop a line to P.O. Box 2024, Lake Grove, OR 97035-0629.

These are the current and proposed new water rate structures:

Current bi-monthly rates:	Proposed bi-monthly rates:
Fixed charge \$36.00	Fixed charge \$50.00
Water usage \$1.75 per CCF*	Water usage \$2.75 per CCF*
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*1 CCF = 100 Cubic feet = 748 gallons	

Although water usage varies considerably from month to month and customer to customer, average usage is about 7 CCF per month, or 14 CCF per bimonthly bill. Based on that usage, the "average" bimonthly bill for base rate + water is currently about \$60.50. With this rate increase, that average bill would increase to \$88.50, an increase of about 46%.

The new rate is designed to encourage conservation, as well as to raise needed revenue.

As the word "interim" implies, this temporary rate structure will be in place for approximately one year. A further rate increase will be proposed after one year as we get firmer estimates of costs associated with needed repairs and improvements.

Although this rate increase is substantial, Southwood Park's rates are still well below those of most neighboring water districts.

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