



Notice to Sewer Rate Payers of Winston

The Winston City Council has been forced to make some adjustments to the monthly fee we all pay per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) on our City sewer bills.

Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade: We are currently in the final planning stages of an upgrade necessary at the Winston Green Waste Water Treatment Facility, which the City co-owns with Green Sanitary District. The City's portion of this upgrade will be approximately \$2.4 million. In order to make the payments on the loans required, the City will need to ultimately add a surcharge of more than \$5 per month per EDU. We are planning to phase this in over the next few years to help reduce the impact on our residents. **Beginning November 1, 2010, a \$2 per month per EDU surcharge will be added to each sewer bill.**

Transportation and Storm Drains: In addition, the Council adopted Ordinances 636 and 637 in 2008 to begin to fund the transportation and storm drain system needs throughout our community. The transportation funds are required due in part to the decision Douglas County to end an annual payment to each city of \$20 per person – or \$98,000 per year to the City of Winston. The Council has waited nearly 2 years for the economy to improve, but finds themselves in a fiscal situation where action is required now in order to continue serving the public effectively. **Beginning November 1, 2010, you will also see a fee added to your utility bill, on the same postcard you have always received, for both the transportation and storm utility fees. Residences will pay \$1 each for each unit for these utilities, or \$2 per month.** Fees on commercial properties will be calculated by square footage of the impervious surface and trip generation for your business type. More detailed information is available on the City's website at www.winstoncity.org or by calling 541-679-6114.

We at the city continue to work to utilize your tax dollars and fees as efficiently as possible and strive to keep costs to a minimum. In order to help us keep these costs down, we ask that you either mail your payment or drop it into the box in front of City Hall. We are working to arrange on-line payment – look for updates on your statement.

If you have questions concerning these increases, please feel free to contact David M. Van Dermark, City Administrator, at 541-679-6739.

We look forward to serving you for many years into the future.



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Basic Costs to Live in these Cities

- Includes monthly residential property tax rates based on the value of \$100K, plus sewer and water rates.

CITY	MONTHLY COST (current)	AFTER UTILITY INCREASE	
1) Lebanon	\$254.00	Lebanon	\$254.00
2) Reedsport	253.25	Riddle	253.50
3) Oakland	248.51	Reedsport	253.25
4) Baker City	247.08	Coquille	251.42
5) Myrtle Creek	246.42	Oakland	248.51
6) Cottage Grove	224.88	Baker City	247.08
7) Riddle	223.50	Myrtle Creek	246.42
8) Coquille	223.42	Cottage Grove	245.67

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9) Winston	222.83	Sutherlin	239.43
10) Lafayette	213.77	Winston	228.83
11) Sutherlin	199.43	Lafayette	213.77
12) Roseburg	191.21	Roseburg	191.21
13) Tri City	170.80	Tri City	170.80
14) Brookings	167.84	Brookings	167.84
15) Glide	163.17	Green	164.82
16) Green District	159.82	Glide	163.17
17) Yoncalla	159.42	Yoncalla	159.42
18) Canyonville	157.50	Canyonville	157.50