



## NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

### REGARDING WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER FEE RATES

### AND NOTICE OF THE NEW STREET MAINTENANCE FEE RATE

Dear Town of Severance Resident,

This letter serves as a 30-day notice to inform you of the Town Council's rate increases for water, wastewater, and stormwater services that will appear on your February 2024 bill. The water rate will increase by 30%; the wastewater rate will increase by 15%; and the monthly stormwater fee will increase by \$1.00 from \$5 to \$6.

A new Street Maintenance Fee of \$15.50 per month will begin for all properties in the Town. This new fee will be restricted to the maintenance and repair of the Town's streets. This historically has been paid using the Town's General Fund balance and this new fee is required to prevent the depletion of that fund.

Town Council adopted all rates and fees in December as part of the 2024 Budget.

For accounts on Town provided water, the total of **all** the new rates is expected to increase a monthly utility bill for a typical single-family home (excluding outdoor watering or surcharges from exceeding the allotment) by an average range of **\$38.45** to **\$60.54** a month.

For those accounts **not** on Town provided water, the total of **all** the new rates is expected to increase the monthly utility bill an average of **\$21.03** a month.

Operating costs have increased due to the price of supplies and materials and the treatment costs passed down from the North Weld County Water District. The Town Council is committed to managing those costs and staying efficient while upholding the Town's commitment to a sustainable future. These changes support the Town Council's commitment to water conservation established in the Town's adopted 2017 Municipal Water Efficiency Plan. To help promote conservation efforts, the Town of Severance will continue the water volume tier structure for customers, incentivizing those who choose to reduce their water consumption.

**Utility bills are always due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

If you have questions about the rate changes, please contact:

- Town Hall at 970-686-1218 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Or you may visit <https://www.townofseverance.org/utilities>, where you can view a detailed overview of the new rate structures. The new rates are also attached to the back of this letter.

Thank you,

Severance Town Council

**2024 Water Rates**  
**Monthly and Annually on Usage Classification of Meter**

Base Monthly Water Fees: The base water fee is \$34.42 and then \$8.01 per 1,000 Gal (Kgal) used

A surcharge will be assessed when an account's year-to-date usage exceeds the Water Allotment. See Rates Below.

Residential Monthly Rate		
Usage Classification	Base	Per Kgal
3/4" Tap	\$34.42	\$8.01 per Kgal
3/4" Tap w/Dual System	\$34.42	\$8.01 per Kgal
3/4" Tap w/Dual System (Tailholt)	\$34.42	\$8.01 per Kgal

Annual Rate Structure per Kgal			
61,500 (Tailholt)	68,333 (Dual System)	205,000	Exceeds Allotment
\$8.01			\$15.93 (\$8.01 + \$3.96 + \$3.96)
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Commercial Monthly Rate		
Usage Classification	Base	Per Kgal
3/4" Tap	\$34.42	\$8.01 per Kgal
1" Tap	\$86.03	\$8.01 per Kgal
1 1/2" Tap	\$172.08	\$8.01 per Kgal
2" Tap	\$275.29	\$8.01 per Kgal
3" Tap	\$550.60	\$8.01 per Kgal
4" Tap	\$1,030.15	\$8.01 per Kgal

Annual Rate Structure per Kgal	
Allotment	Exceeds Allotment
205,000 gallons per year	\$15.93 (\$8.01 + \$3.96 + \$3.96)
515,500 gallons per year	\$15.93 (\$8.01 + \$3.96 + \$3.96)
1,025,000 gallons per year	\$15.93 (\$8.01 + \$3.96 + \$3.96)
1,640,000 gallons per year	\$15.93 (\$8.01 + \$3.96 + \$3.96)
3,280,000 gallons per year	\$15.93 (\$8.01 + \$3.96 + \$3.96)
6,150,000 gallons per year	\$15.93 (\$8.01 + \$3.96 + \$3.96)

Water Service Year:

The water service year is from the November billing period to the October billing period of the following year.

Allotment:

The water allotment for a standard tap is 205,000 gallons per. The allotment on your account may vary due to the usage classification of your property. Please contact Town Hall to discuss your individual account.

Water Surcharge:

A water surcharge will be assessed when an account's year-to-date usage exceeds the annual water allotment. Currently, the surcharge is \$3.96 per Kgal in addition to the standard monthly usage fee. This fee is to recover the Town's cost to obtain additional water rights.

Plant Investment Surcharge:

A plant investment surcharge will be assessed when an account's year-to-date usage exceeds the plant investment allotment. Currently, the surcharge is \$3.96 per Kgal in addition to the standard monthly usage fee. This fee is to recover the Town's cost to treat and service the additional water.

**2024 Sewer Rates**  
**Monthly on Usage Classification**

Base Monthly Sewer Fees: Base sewer fee is \$34.73 for the first 5000 gallons and then \$3.86 per every 1,000 Gal (Kgal) used after 5000 gallons

Monthly Rate			Monthly Rate Structure per Kgal	
Usage Classification	Base (0-5000 Gallions)	Per Kgal (5000+)	5000 Gallons per month Base	Per Kgal over 5000 Gallon Base
Per Sewer Tap	\$34.73	\$3.86	\$34.73	\$3.86 per Kgal

Sewer Service Year:

The sewer service year is based on the average monthly water usage used during Decemeber, January, and February. Each year, starting with the March sewer bill, monthly rates will reflect and be charged the three month average each month until the next assessment year.

Allotment:

The base allotment for a standard sewer tap is 5,000 gallons per month.

Sewer Surcharge:

A sewer surcharge will be assessed when an account's usage exceeds the three-month average allotment of 5,000 gallons per month. Currently, the surcharge is \$3.86 per Kgal in addition to the standard monthly base fee.