



CITY OF BINGEN

Proposed 2018 Budget – Revenue Sources and Property Tax Levy

The City of Bingen's budget includes the following changes to its revenue sources:

Property Tax Levy

The City of Bingen is proposing to increase its total property tax levy by 1% as allowed by law. The property tax levy for 2017 was \$204,608.55. An increase of 1% means the city would receive \$206,654.64 in property taxes for 2018 – an increase in \$2,046.09.

Utility Rates

The City's current ordinances provide for an annual increase of 5% in water and sewer rates. The City is proposing to increase its water rates by 10% and to not increase the sewer rates. Below is information regarding utility rates.

The proposed budget for 2018 includes revenue from utility rates. In 2009, the city adopted ordinances that provide for an annual 5% increase in water and sewer rates. In 2018, the city proposes to increase the water rates by 10% and not increase the sewer rates therefore base rates will save residential utility customers \$0.36 per month. The proposed rates are shown below along with historical rate information.

Utility rates pay for the operation and maintenance of the city's water and sewer system including the wastewater treatment plant. The proposed 10% increase in water rates will help pay for improvements to the city's water system, including replacing a 65-year old reservoir.

Monthly Base Sewer Rates

Type of User	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	2018 Proposed	% Change
Residential	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	0%
Commercial	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	0%
Light Industrial/Agricultural	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	0%
Heavy Industrial	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	0%

Overage charges will remain the same at \$18.00 per ½ ERU. Residential customers are not charged overage charges for sewer.

Water Rates

Type of Account	2016 Rate	2017 Rates	Proposed 2018 Rates
Residential (Single-Family) Base Rate	29.82	32.80	36.08
Usage (0-10,000 gallons) per thousand	1.68	1.85	2.04
Usage (10,001 – 20,000 gallons) per thousand	2.82	3.10	3.41
Usage (>20,000 gallons) per thousand	4.22	4.64	5.10
Base Rates for Commercial, Light Industrial, Industrial, Multi-Family			
3/4 inch meter	45.56	50.12	55.13
1 inch meter	72.38	79.62	87.53
1-1/2 inch meter	144.72	159.19	175.11
2 inch meter	217.10	238.81	262.69
3 inch meter	448.94	493.83	543.21
4 inch meter	628.50	691.35	760.49
6 inch meter	943.43	1,037.77	1,141.55
Usage per 1,000 gallons	2.56	2.82	3.10

A residential household that uses 6,000 gallons of water would have paid a total of \$89.90 per month in 2017 for combined water and sewer and will pay \$94.32 per month in 2018.

Residential Utility Billing Rate Comparison	
Includes billing for both water and sewer based on 6,000 gallons water used	
City	2017 Rates
Stevenson	\$65.53
Goldendale	\$67.80
Cascade Locks	\$76.62
Hood River	\$89.18
Bingen	\$89.90
The Dalles	\$101.62
North Bonneville	\$103.41
White Salmon	\$116.61