

WHY RATES INCREASE

Most water and stormwater/sewer infrastructure is underground, out of sight and hard to notice, but it is important that the utility continues to maintain and improve these systems. It is necessary to have a rate structure that will support ongoing operation and maintenance costs as well as upcoming replacement needs for older parts of the system and to continue to meet all regulatory requirements for these systems. These assets generally have a long lifespan, and in many cases original installations have been in place more than 60 years. By planning for the proactive replacement of aging infrastructure, the utility can continue to provide the level of service that customers expect.

The current rate ordinance, approved by the Everett City Council on January 27, 2021, raises the rate each year of the 4-year period at incrementally smaller levels.

The 2021 rate ordinance:

- Addresses the need to end storm-related basement flooding and sewer overflows by funding projects that add capacity and better function to the sewer/storm system
- Provides for large capital projects needed to sustain the water system into the future

More information on capital projects can be found in the City's [Capital Improvement Program](#).

View the [January 27, 2021, Council agenda packet](#) that outlines the need for rates to increase. Watch the [Jan. 13, 2021, rate ordinance briefing to Council](#).

2021-2024 rate ordinance – water and filtration rates		
Year	Utility Percent	Rate
2021	2.95%	\$47.97
2022	2.52%	\$48.25
2023	2.56%	\$48.54
2024	2.6%	\$48.84

2021-2024 rate ordinance – surface water rates		
Year	Sewer Accounts	Non-Sewer Accounts
2021	\$80.27	\$27.25
2022	\$83.22	\$28.61
2023	\$86.29	\$30.04
2024	\$89.48	\$31.54