



Utility Rate Adjustment 2026–2028

*Ensuring Reliable & Sustainable Services
for Our Community*

Why Should Rates Change?

- Rising costs of materials, fuel, and labor
- Aging infrastructure that needs replacement
- Meeting State & Federal regulations
- Keeping services safe and reliable

The Cost of Doing Nothing

- More potholes, water leaks, and sewer backups
- Higher repair costs later
- Service delays and interruptions
- Risk of falling out of compliance with regulations
- Leads to potential legal repercussions

Why Are There Utility Fees?

- Not-for-profit
- Covers real costs
- Keeps systems safe & reliable
- Each service has their own budget

Why Adjust All Rates Together?

- All systems face rising costs
- Shared infrastructure needs replacement
- Dedicated funds required for each service
- Fairness: everyone contributes to what they use

What This Means for Residents

- Water rates will increase over 2 years
- Costs still remains competitive with neighboring cities
- Ensures reliable, safe services every day
- Allows the city to be more proactive, planning major infrastructure projects

Breakdown of Fees

WATER

- Provides safe drinking water
- Maintains pipes, pumps, and towers
- Covers treatment & testing
- Helps provide adequate staffing and competitive wages

SEWER

- Removes and treats wastewater
- Maintains sewer pipes and pumps
- Meets environmental standards
- Helps provide adequate staffing and competitive wages

SANITATION

- Weekly trash pickup
- Truck maintenance & fuel
- Landfill & disposal fees
- Helps provide adequate staffing and competitive wages

EMS FEE

- Approved by Council for the City's designated and dedicated EMS service.
- Helps guarantee response times in critical moments.

BULK WASTE FEE

- Covers the cost of monthly bulk waste pickup
- Pays for disposal costs at landfill for oversized items
- This service helps offset wear and tear on sanitation vehicles from heavy or awkward loads

STATE MANDATED FEE

- Cost associated with landfill requirements set by the State of Oklahoma

STORMWATER FEE

- Formerly referred to as Drainage Fee
- Maintains drainage pipes, ditches, culverts, and detention ponds
- Provides street sweeping on main roads, clearing trash and debris out of drains
- Funds capital improvements such as new storm drains and flood control projects
- Meets state and federal environmental requirements (EPA/DEQ stormwater permits)

CAPITAL OUTLAY FEES

Capital Outlay- large, one-time, or long-term investments in infrastructure and equipment- things that last for years, not just monthly operations. These fees are charged to keep systems modern, safe, and reliable.

Water Capital Outlay Fees

What they cover:

- Water Treatment Plant → upgrades, expansions, new filtration systems
- Storage Tanks & Towers → construction, painting, structural repairs
- Distribution System → replacement of old water mains, valves, hydrants
 - *Recent quotes show that at \$10M-\$12M a year, it would take 50 years to replace all waterlines in the city.*
- Well Development / Pumps → drilling new wells, installing high-capacity pumps
- Metering Technology → smart meters, meter reading systems

Why important: Keeps drinking water safe, ensures fire protection, and replaces aging infrastructure before it fails.

Sewer Capital Outlay Fees

What they cover:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant → upgrades to meet new EPA/state standards
- Collection System → replacement/lining of sewer mains, manholes, and laterals
- Pump/Lift Stations → new construction or replacement of pumps and controls
- Sludge/Biosolids Management Equipment → presses, digesters, disposal systems

Why important: Prevents sewer backups, ensures compliance with Clean Water Act regulations, and protects rivers and streams from pollution.

Sanitation Capital Outlay Fees

What they cover:

- Collection Vehicles → Commercial and residential garbage trucks, knucklebooms
 - *Sanitation fleet is some of the most expensive equipment in city operations*
- Purchase of polykarts and commercial containers including wheels and lids
- Technology Upgrades → GPS/Camera software

Why important: Keeps trash and recycling collection reliable, reduces vehicle downtime, and ensures safe, environmentally sound disposal.

Why They're Separate Charges

- *Each service is a utility with its own budget and costs*
- *State laws often require that water, sewer, and sanitation revenues be spent only on those services*
- *Separate charges make it transparent: residents can see exactly what they're paying for each essential service*

STREET FEE– New charge effective January 1, 2026

What Will This Be Used For?

- Costs associated with installation and maintenance of all street lamps and traffic signals
 - Example: Midstate contract costs \$1,975.00/month plus any costs for repairs and replacements
- Road repaving (Not including pothole repair)
 - *Current quote for 4 lane concrete arterial street reconstruction: \$4M-\$4.5M per mile*
- Consistent road restriping including school zones, crosswalks, and stop blocks.
 - *City recently ratified \$32k expense to re-do all school zones, crosswalks, and stop blocks. Projection of a 5-year lifespan but no guarantee. Re-striping 1 mile of city street including intersections quoted around \$48k*
- Seasonal Items
 - *City desperately needs to replace lights during holiday season, flags hung on light poles, etc.*

What Will The Fee Cost?

Beginning January 1, 2026, all customers will be billed a flat fee of **\$2.50** per month

Who Will Be Charged?

All utility account holders– including those outside of City limits (Smith Village) and both residential and commercial entities

What to Expect Moving Forward

Water Rate Increase Implementation



- 2 year plan
- To go into effect January 1, 2026
- Water charged per 1,000 gallons for usage over 2,000 gallons (Base rate will now include the first 2,000 gallons)
- 50% increase during year 1, additional 31% in year 2 for a total increase of 96% after year 2
- Rates to automatically increase based on Federal inflation rate effective July 1 of each year

Sewer Rate Increase Implementation



- To go into effect January 1, 2026
- Both commercial and residential accounts will be charged at a rate of 80% of the water charge, depending on meter size
- Sewer rates will remain averaged based on consumption during winter months. Residents will retain the ability to have rates re-determined due to leaks or excessive usage during that time
- Sewer rates will continue to determine capital outlay rates
- Rates to automatically increase based on Federal inflation rate effective July 1 of each year

Capital Outlay Increase Implementation



- To go into effect January 1, 2026
- 40% increase for all 3 capital outlays (Water, Sewer, Sanitation)
 - Water and sewer capital outlay rate determined by sewer rate. Sanitation capital outlay fee is flat fee
 - Irrigation meters would be charged water capital outlay only
- Rates to automatically increase based on Federal inflation rate effective July 1 of each year

Sanitation Rate Increase Implementation



- To go into effect January 1, 2026
- \$3.00 increase on 1st polykart only
- Additional polykarts remain at \$3.00 per month
- Return/missed pickups increase to \$10.00 per polykart
- Rates to automatically increase based on Federal inflation rate effective July 1 of each year

Street Fee Implementation (New)



- To go into effect January 1, 2026
- \$2.50 per utility account
- Will be assessed to all utility accounts except irrigation (sprinkler)
- Rates to automatically increase based on Federal inflation rate effective July 1 of each year

Bulk Waste Rate Increase Implementation



- To go into effect January 1, 2026
- Only applies to residential accounts within city limits
- \$0.75 increase
- Rates to automatically increase based on Federal inflation rate effective July 1 of each year

Stormwater Rate Increase Implementation



- Formerly known as Drainage- will now be billed as Stormwater
- To go into effect January 1, 2026
- \$2.00 per ¼ acre
- Will take time to verify property size for proper charges
- Rates to automatically increase based on Federal inflation rate effective July 1 of each year

Changes to Billing Cycles



- Go from 4 billing cycles to 2 billing cycles- Splitting accounts by the first 2 digits of account numbers (Accounts 01-32 in Cycle 1, Accounts 33-62 in Cycle 2)
- Adding 12 days to current billing cycles beginning October 2025- This would allow us to bring cycle dates together prior to rate increases going into effect
- Water charges billed on actual water used, non-metered services pro-rated to a 42-day billing cycle
- Cycle 1 will be billed from the first day of each month to the last day of each month (resulting in either a 28, 29, 30, or 31 day billing cycle). Bill will post on the 15th of each month and have a due date of the 1st of the following month
- Cycle 2 will be billed from the 15th of each month until the 14th of the following month (resulting in either a 28, 29, 30, or 31 day billing cycle). Bill will be posted on the 1st of the month and have a due date of the 15th of the following month

2026 Billing Cycle Schedule

Cycle 1

Accounts 01-32

Cycle Date	Bill Post Date	Bill Due Date
01/01/26-01/31/26	02/15/26	03/01/26
02/01/26-02/28/26	03/15/26	04/01/26
03/01/26-03/31/26	04/15/26	05/01/26
04/01/26-04/30/26	05/15/26	06/01/26
05/01/26-05/31/26	06/15/26	07/01/26
06/01/26-06/30/26	07/15/26	08/01/26
07/01/26-07/31/26	08/15/26	09/01/26
08/01/26-08/31/26	09/15/26	10/01/26
09/01/26-09/30/26	10/15/26	11/01/26
10/01/26-10/31/26	11/15/26	12/01/26
11/01/26-11/30/26	12/15/26	01/01/27

Cycle 2

Accounts 33-62

Cycle Date	Bill Post Date	Bill Due Date
12/15/25-01/14/26	02/01/26	02/15/26
01/15/26-02/14/26	03/01/26	03/15/26
02/15/26-03/14/26	04/01/26	04/15/26
03/15/26-04/14/26	05/01/26	05/15/26
04/15/26-05/14/26	06/01/26	06/15/26
05/15/26-06/14/26	07/01/26	07/15/26
06/15/26-07/14/26	08/01/26	08/15/26
07/15/26-08/14/26	09/01/26	09/15/26
08/15/26-09/14/26	10/01/26	10/15/26
09/15/26-10/14/26	11/01/26	11/15/26
10/15/26-11/14/26	12/01/26	12/15/26

Example Bills

Residential **5/8" x 3/4" Meter** / Usage of **3,000** gallons /
Sewer rate of **3 / 2** polykarts, -1/4 acre lot

Bill Breakdown- Current Rates

WATER- \$18.24
WATER CAPITAL FEE- \$2.67
SEWER- \$16.92
SEWER CAPITAL FEE- \$2.67
SANITATION- \$15.75
SANITATION CAPITAL OUTLAY- \$1.50
BULK TRASH- \$2.25
DRAINAGE- \$2.00
EMS AGENCY- \$3.45
STATE MANDATED FEE- \$0.25

TOTAL BILL- \$65.70

Bill Breakdown- January 2026

WATER- \$21.29
WATER CAPITAL FEE- \$3.70
SEWER- \$17.03
SEWER CAPITAL FEE- \$3.70
SANITATION- \$18.75
SANITATION CAPITAL OUTLAY- \$2.10
BULK TRASH- \$3.00
STORMWATER - \$2.00
EMS AGENCY- \$3.45
STATE MANDATED FEE- \$0.25
STREET FEE - \$2.50

TOTAL BILL- \$77.77 (+\$12.07 compared to 2025)

Bill Breakdown- January 2027

WATER- \$27.81
WATER CAPITAL FEE- \$3.70
SEWER- \$22.25
SEWER CAPITAL FEE- \$3.70
SANITATION- \$18.75
SANITATION CAPITAL OUTLAY- \$2.10
BULK TRASH- \$3.00
STORMWATER- \$2.00
EMS AGENCY- \$3.45
STATE MANDATED FEE- \$0.25
STREET FEE - \$2.50

TOTAL BILL- \$89.51 (+\$11.74 compared to 2026)

Residential **5/8" x 3/4" Meter** / Usage of **5,000** gallons /
Sewer rate of **5 / 2** polykarts, -1/4 acre lot

Bill Breakdown- Current Rates

WATER- \$26.34
WATER CAPITAL FEE- \$4.40
SEWER- \$24.71
SEWER CAPITAL FEE- \$4.40
SANITATION- \$15.75
SANITATION CAPITAL OUTLAY- \$1.50
BULK TRASH- \$2.25
DRAINAGE- \$2.00
EMS AGENCY- \$3.45
STATE MANDATED FEE- \$0.25

TOTAL BILL- \$85.05

Bill Breakdown- January 2026

WATER- \$33.44
WATER CAPITAL FEE- \$6.16
SEWER- \$26.75
SEWER CAPITAL FEE- \$6.16
SANITATION- \$18.75
SANITATION CAPITAL OUTLAY- \$2.10
BULK TRASH- \$3.00
STORMWATER - \$2.00
EMS AGENCY- \$3.45
STATE MANDATED FEE- \$0.25
STREET FEE - \$2.50

TOTAL BILL- \$104.56 (+\$19.51 compared to 2025)

Bill Breakdown- January 2027

WATER- \$43.68
WATER CAPITAL FEE- \$6.16
SEWER- \$34.94
SEWER CAPITAL FEE- \$6.16
SANITATION- \$18.75
SANITATION CAPITAL OUTLAY- \$2.10
BULK TRASH- \$3.00
STORMWATER- \$2.00
EMS AGENCY- \$3.45
STATE MANDATED FEE- \$0.25
STREET FEE - \$2.50

TOTAL BILL- \$122.99 (+\$18.43 compared to 2026)

The above fluctuation in bills do not reflect any further increase affected by the Federal inflation rates for non-metered services, this is just an estimate on what could be expected.

WATER RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

CITY OF DEL CITY WATER RATES				
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026				
METER SIZE	BASE RATE		<u>CHARGES PER 1,000 GALLONS</u>	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$15.21		0-2,000	(BASE RATE ONLY)
1"	\$24.68		3,000-10,000	\$6.08
2"	\$111.24		11,000-25,000	\$6.87
3"	\$258.86		26,000+	\$7.44
4"	\$507.10			
6"	\$993.19			

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027				
METER SIZE	BASE RATE		<u>CHARGES PER 1,000 GALLONS</u>	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$19.87		0-2,000	(BASE RATE ONLY)
1"	\$32.24		3,000-10,000	\$7.94
2"	\$111.24		11,000-25,000	\$8.98
3"	\$258.86		26,000+	\$9.72
4"	\$507.10			
6"	\$993.19			

**Beginning July 2028, rate increases will be determined by the annual inflation rate set by the Federal Government.*

Other Costs Effective January 2026

Sanitation Container Rentals- 5 business day rental including drop-off and pickup

20-Yard Container

Current Rental Cost- \$150.00

New Rental Cost- \$300.00

30-Yard Container

Current Rental Cost- \$200.00

New Rental Cost- \$400.00

Current Overage Cost- \$20.00 per ton

New Overage Cost- \$50.00 per ton

Return Sanitation pickups

Current Cost- \$5.00 per polykart

New Cost- \$10.00 per polykart

Meter Replacement Costs

5/8" x 3/4" - \$175.31

1" - \$210.25

2" - \$472.64

3" - \$1,614.79

4" - \$1,782.62

6" - \$2,694.85

Endpoint Replacement Cost- \$250.00

**The above charges will be automatically applied to the utility account in the event there is damage caused by negligence or tampering.*

Questions?

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Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

*Night drop is located on north side of building

Online payments accepted through website