



## Finance Committee

### Review Utility Rates

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#### Title

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#### Recommended Action

##### Committee Recommendation:

Briefing only. No action requested. The Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) is making recommendations on the 2021 utility operating budgets, utility rates and general facility charges (GFC) at their October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

##### City Manager Recommendation:

Review and discuss the utility 2021 operating budgets, recommended utility rates and general facility charges.

#### Report

##### Issue:

Whether to discuss the 2021 utility operating budgets, recommended utility rate and general facility charges. Action will be taken in mid-December as part of the budget approval process.

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#### Background and Analysis:

The 2021 preliminary operating and capital budgets assume revenue and expenses from utility rates and GFCs. Staff will present information on these topics and take questions from the Committee for future budget discussion meetings.

#### Utility Rates and GFC Increases

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the UAC discussed proposed changes to the 2021 operating budgets, rates and GFCs for the four utilities - Drinking Water, Wastewater, Storm and Surface Water, and Waste ReSources. The UAC will make a recommendation on the budgets, rates, and GFCs following their

October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. This recommendation will be shared with the full Council on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

City utilities provide essential public health services to Olympia residents. A public hearing is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> on the operating and capital budgets. Council can hear testimony on the proposed changes at that time.

**Options:**

Briefing only. No action requested.

**Financial Impact:**

None at this time.

**Attachments:**

Summary/history of Bi-Monthly Utility Bills  
GFCs and CDCs 2017 - 2021