



Notification of Public Hearing for Proposed Pinellas County Utilities Rate Increases

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners will be voting on four years of proposed increases for water, sewer, and reclaimed water rates for Pinellas County Utilities. If your water, sewer, and/or reclaimed water services are provided by the county, this will affect you. You are being notified of the four-year plan of proposed rate increases pursuant to Florida Statute 180.136. A public hearing will be held for consideration of these proposed four-year rate increases. The public is invited to participate at this hearing to be held on:

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Pinellas County Courthouse, 5th floor Assembly Room
315 Court Street, Clearwater

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How will the proposed rate changes affect my bill?

► ***Retail water rates***


The proposed four-year rate increase would mean an \$0.11 rate increase for FY16 through FY18 and a \$0.12 rate increase for FY19, in the monthly base charge for a Pinellas County Utilities customer. The volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons would increase \$0.08 in FY16 and \$0.09 per year for FY17, FY18 and FY19. Pinellas County Utilities distributes water on a retail basis to the unincorporated areas of the county, within the City of Largo, City of Seminole, City of Kenneth City, and the incorporated areas of beach communities.

► ***Retail sewer rates***

The proposed four-year rate increase would mean a \$0.00, \$0.13, \$0.13 and \$0.14 monthly base rate increase for FY16, FY17, FY18 and FY19, respectively, for a Pinellas County Utilities residential customer. The volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons would increase \$0.00 in FY16 and \$0.05 per year for FY17, FY18 and FY19. The Volumetric Cap for Single Family Residences is 10,000 gallons per month. The Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for Commercial accounts is 5,000 gallons per month.

► ***Retail reclaimed water rates***

The proposed four-year rate increase would mean an additional \$1.00 per month for FY16, FY17, FY18 and FY19 for a typical Pinellas County Utilities residential customer who is connected to the reclaimed system and paying the monthly user fee for the service.

 ***For more information, please visit [www. pinellascounty.org/rates](http://www.pinellascounty.org/rates) or contact Pinellas County Utilities at (727) 464-4000.***

*See reverse side for **Proposed Rates** ►*



Proposed Four-Year Schedule of Rate Increases

The proposed four-year rates are as follows and will take effect for billings issued on the dates shown below beginning October 1 of the noted year:

Retail Water Rates

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Retail Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$4.86	\$4.95	\$5.04	\$5.13
Base Rate Charge per month*	\$6.46	\$6.57	\$6.68	\$6.80

**The Base Rate Charge is billed bi-monthly for each customer whether the water is on or off.*

Wholesale Water Rates

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wholesale Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$3.9232	\$3.9919	\$4.0618	\$4.1329

Retail Sewer Rates

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Retail Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$4.84	\$4.89	\$4.94	\$4.99
Base Rate Charge per month*	\$13.26	\$13.39	\$13.52	\$13.66

**The Base Rate Charge is billed bi-monthly for each customer whether the water is on or off.*

The Volumetric Cap for Single Family Residences is 10,000 gallons per month.

The Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for Commercial accounts is 5,000 gallons per month.

Wholesale Sewer Rates

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wholesale Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$4.1783	\$4.2201	\$4.2623	\$4.3049

Retail Reclaimed Water (with Availability Charge)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Availability Charge (no change)	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
User Fee Monthly	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$16.00
User Fee per 1,000 gallons	\$1.01	\$1.06	\$1.11	\$1.16

Retail Reclaimed Water (without Availability Charge)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
User Fee Monthly	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$22.00
User Fee per 1,000 gallons	\$1.01	\$1.06	\$1.11	\$1.16

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