



### What are the proposed rate adjustments?

In 2017-2018, rate adjustments have been proposed for the City's sewer and water utilities. The average SLC household will see approximately \$1.54 per month increase for water and \$4.88 per month increase for sewer starting July 2017. In order to meet regulatory requirements and to complete a number of critical projects we expect to increase rates each year over the next several years.

*It is important to note that the wastewater and drinking water utilities have rate structures based on use. As such, rates will vary depending on customer type and use. (i.e. residential, industrial, etc.). Customers will be notified of the final rate adjustments upon City Council budget approval and prior to rates going into effect in July 2017.*

### Why are rates changing?

Public Utilities is responsible for protecting water resources, treating and delivering high quality drinking water, and receiving and treating wastewater for all City residents. We understand that you trust us to provide these important services and we take that responsibility very seriously. The rates you pay go directly into continuing those efforts. Adjustments are needed this year and in coming years for the following reasons:

- Significant infrastructure improvements are needed over the next five years to address aging sewer and water infrastructure and to add needed capacity within the City's network of sewer pipelines.
- The City's 50-year old wastewater treatment plant needs to be replaced to comply with new protective state and federal environmental regulations by 2025. These regulations require removal of the nutrient phosphorus before treated wastewater is returned to Farmington Bay of Great Salt Lake. Nutrients that are discharged to lakes, rivers, and streams across the nation and in Utah have resulted in water quality concerns — the City is doing its part to steward water resources with these treatment improvements.

### How can I provide input about planned rate adjustments?

You may contact us at the phone number and email listed on this postcard. Also, during City Council meetings in May and June, public hearings will be held on the proposed City budget, including the Public Utilities budget. Your participation at City Council hearings is welcome:

May 16, 7pm | May 23, 7pm | June 6, 7pm  
Room 315 of City Hall | 451 South State Street

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# Notice of Proposed Water and Wastewater (Sewer) Rate Adjustments to Salt Lake City Residents

**This year and in the coming five years our water and sewer rates are scheduled to increase. We hope the information on this card will help explain more about the adjustments.**

## **QUICK FACTS**

- The City Council is holding several public hearings on the proposed budget: May 16 [7pm], May 23 [7pm], June 6 [7pm]
- Rate adjustments have been proposed for the wastewater and drinking water utilities
- Key areas of our current drinking water and sewer collection system are at capacity and need upgrades/additions
- Our City wastewater treatment facility is due for replacement
- We are required to meet new wastewater treatment regulations



# Public Utilities

## Notice of Proposed Water Rate Adjustment

### What are the proposed rate adjustments?

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities is responsible for protecting water resources and treating and delivering high quality drinking water to you. We understand that you trust us to provide these important services and we take that responsibility very seriously. The rates you pay go directly into continuing those efforts. Rate increases are needed to address aging water infrastructure and increased water costs. The average Salt Lake County household will see an approximately \$2.11 per month increase on its water bill starting July 2017.

*It is important to note that our water rate structure is based on the volume of water used. As such, rates will vary depending on customer type and use. (i.e. residential, industrial, etc.). Customers will be notified of the final water rate adjustment upon City Council budget approval and prior to rates going into effect in July 2017.*

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All Council meetings held at City Hall:

- 451 South State Street, Room 315

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## Notice of Proposed Water Rate Adjustment

**As your water provider, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities is proposing a water rate increase as part of our proposed budget for the fiscal year July 2017 through June 2018.**

### QUICK FACTS

- The City Council is holding several public hearings on the proposed budget: May 16 [7pm], May 23 [7pm], June 6 [7pm]
- Rate increases are needed to address aging water infrastructure and increased water costs
- Water rate structure is based on the volume of water used