

IMPORTANT NOTICE



WATER RATE CHANGES

**EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

Questions??

Please Call the City of Banks

Water Utility

503-324-5101

or

visit our website

www.cityofbanks.org

WHY IS A RATE CHANGE NEEDED AT THIS TIME?

The City of Banks completed a Water Facility Master Plan in June 2009. This Plan identified the immediate need to develop an additional water source at Behrman Well No.2; to upgrade the disinfection system at the slow sand filter; and to provide standby power and improve the disinfection system at the Behrman Wells. Finally, the water utility will fund part of the public works building interior upgrades.

These projects total \$1.4 million dollars and will be funded through bonded debt. These improvements are aimed at water quality issues and making the existing water system more reliable and safe. They are NOT directed at providing new capacity for future growth. The City will also add a long overdue utilities person to assist with maintaining the water system.

The City of Banks has not had a water rate increase since January 2007.

HOW MUCH IS THE RATE INCREASE?

In order to efficiently time the need for rate increases with the expected construction schedule, for the projects, and to provide for planned certainty, a series of rate increases is planned beginning in February 2010 at 7.8%; July 2010 at 8.1%; July 2011 at 10.6%; July 2012 at 12.4%; July 2013 at 5.9%; and July 2014 at 3.7%.

WHEN WILL THE RATE INCREASE GO INTO EFFECT?

February 1, 2010

The typical in-city single family home currently pays \$31.04 per month assuming 700 cubic feet of usage with a 400 cubic feet allowance. Under the revised rates, this same home would pay \$33.47.

Note: 1 cubic foot (cf) equals 7.48 gallons

HOW DO OUR NEW RATES COMPARE WITH OTHER CITIES?

CITY	AVG. MONTHLY BILL
Lafayette	\$46.00
Carlton	\$43.51
Gaston	\$58.66
Banks (effective 2/1/10)	\$33.47
North Plains	\$69.90
Dundee	\$30.80
Willamina	\$31.60

(Rate Comparison is based on inside city limits for a single-family residence assuming 700 cf of water use per month)

PLANNING FOR EXISTING CUSTOMERS

The City of Banks must be able to provide its existing customers with high quality and consistent availability of water throughout the year. Based on the Water Facility Master Plan, this requires specific and immediate improvements to the system. These improvements build redundancy into a system that currently has none and provides a safe and improved disinfection system. These projects provide a higher level of service for existing customers and are not directed at providing capacity for future growth. The City is constantly working to improve the quality and increase the quantity of water by implementing capital improvement projects, updating security measures, maintaining preventative programs, supporting conservation programs, and monitoring the quality of water.

CURRENT AND FUTURE RATE SCHEDULE

RATES EFFECTIVE - FEBRUARY 1, 2010

INSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$23.61
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$3.29
Commercial	\$3.51
Bulk	\$3.72

OUTSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$35.41
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$4.93
Commercial	\$5.26
Bulk	\$5.58

RATES EFFECTIVE - JULY 1, 2010

INSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$25.52
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$3.56
Commercial	\$3.79
Bulk	\$4.02

OUTSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$38.29
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$5.34
Commercial	\$5.69
Bulk	\$6.04

RATES EFFECTIVE - JULY 1, 2011

INSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$28.24
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$3.94
Commercial	\$4.19
Bulk	\$4.45

OUTSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$42.36
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$5.90
Commercial	\$6.29
Bulk	\$6.68

RATES EFFECTIVE - JULY 1, 2012

INSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$31.74
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$4.42
Commercial	\$4.71
Bulk	\$5.00

OUTSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$47.60
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$6.63
Commercial	\$7.07
Bulk	\$7.50

RATES EFFECTIVE - JULY 1, 2013

INSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$33.60
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$4.68
Commercial	\$4.99
Bulk	\$5.30

OUTSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$50.40
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$7.02
Commercial	\$7.48
Bulk	\$7.94

RATES EFFECTIVE - JULY 1, 2014

INSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$34.85
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$4.86
Commercial	\$5.18
Bulk	\$5.49

OUTSIDE CITY RATES

Customer Base Charge	
(Includes the first 400 cf of usage)	\$52.28
Per additional 100 cf	
Residential	\$7.28
Commercial	\$7.76
Bulk	\$8.24