

# **2020 WATER RATE CHANGES** ENCOURAGING CONSERVATION, MAXIMIZING AFFORDABILITY,

### Overview

In 2019, the City reviewed the rate structure that determines how we charge for water services. Water utilities conduct rate studies as a best practice to ensure that the utility's financial health is maintained and that the utility is setting a course toward meeting future financial obligations. The rate study helps us ensure we keep rates fair and equitable, and tied to the demand customers place on our water system.

### **Current Rate Structure vs. Proposed Rate Structure**

#### 2012-2019

- Higher monthly service charge
- Same rate for every unit of water used

#### 2020

- Monthly service charge reduced by 20-50%, depending on meter size
- Tiered rates promote affordability and water efficiency

#### **CITY COUNCIL GOALS**

Implement a water rate structure that:

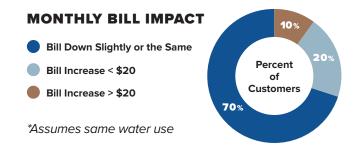
Seasy for customers to understand

Encourages water conservation

Ensures maximum affordability

### **Single-family Residential Bills**

Under the new structure, we estimate that 70% of single-family residential customers will see their monthly bill go down slightly or remain the same.



### **Tiered Rates**

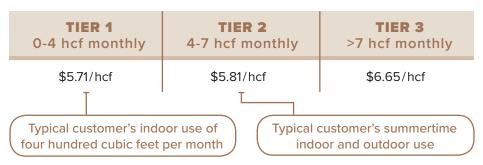
#### **TIERED RATES**

Tiered rates encourage water conservation by increasing water bills for high water use and rewards customers who are water efficient.

#### **ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS**

Multi-family residential will pay a single rate comparable to Tiers 2 and 3. Commercial, irrigation and the City's irrigation will pay a rate comparable to Tier 3 or higher (See table on reverse).

#### SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 2020 TIERED RATES



Note: One hundred cubic feet (hcf) is equal to 748 gallons.

## **CityCARE – Affordability in Action**

The City of Port Hueneme offers "CityCARE," a program for income-eligible residents to receive a discount off their water, wastewater, and solid waste bill based on Southern California Edison's (SCE) CARE program guidelines. If you participate in SCE's CARE program, you automatically qualify for CityCARE and are eligible to receive a 7.5% discount on your City utility bill. For more information, visit the City website.

### **Monthly Service Charge**

Meter Type	MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE 2012–2019		MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE 2020				
	Standard	CityCARE	Standard	CityCARE			
Residential							
5/8" & 3/4"	\$37.62	\$34.80	\$24.84	\$22.98			
Commercial / Irrigation							
5/8" & 3/4"	\$31.13		\$24.84	N/A			
1"	\$77.82		\$40.42				
1 1/2"	\$155.63	N/A	\$79.39				
2"	\$249.01		\$126.15				
3"	\$466.89		\$274.23				

For proposed monthly service charges on larger meters, visit the city website at www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us.

### **Volumetric Rates**

VOLUMETRIC RATE (\$/hcf)								
Customer Type	March 2020	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023			
Single Family Residential								
Tier 1 (0 - 4 hcf monthly)	\$5.71	\$5.82	\$5.93	\$6.05	\$6.16			
Tier 2 (5 - 7 hcf)	\$5.81	\$5.92	\$6.03	\$6.15	\$6.26			
Tier 3 (>7 hcf)	\$6.65	\$6.78	\$6.91	\$7.04	\$7.17			
Single Family Residential CARE								
Tier 1 (0 - 4 hcf monthly)	\$5.28	\$5.38	\$5.48	\$5.58	\$5.69			
Tier 2 (5 - 7 hcf)	\$5.37	\$5.47	\$5.58	\$5.68	\$5.79			
Tier 3 (>7 hcf)	\$6.15	\$6.26	\$6.38	\$6.50	\$6.63			
Multi-Family Residential	\$6.43	\$6.55	\$6.67	\$6.80	\$6.93			
Multi-Family Residential CARE	\$5.94	\$6.06	\$6.17	\$6.29	\$6.41			
Commercial	\$6.71	\$6.84	\$6.97	\$7.10	\$7.24			
City Property	\$6.71	\$6.84	\$6.97	\$7.10	\$7.24			
Irrigation	\$7.02	\$7.15	\$7.29	\$7.43	\$7.57			
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