



## CITY OF PARK RIDGE

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### New Utility Billing Rates Effective January 1, 2019

The City of Park Ridge is charged with providing clean water to its residents as well as the safe removal of wastewater. Those services are tracked using the City's water and sewer funds. Since, as enterprise funds, these funds are not designed to make a profit, rates are set to meet, but not exceed, each fund's long-term operational and capital needs. In 2017, City Council commissioned the Municipal & Financial Services Group (MFSG) to conduct a multi-year water and sewer rate study. That study specified rates for the following five years. Due to a healthy fund balance, the City was able to defer the first year's recommended rate adjustment. These utility billing rates implement the second year rates from the study.

The City is fortunate to have been able to keep utility billing rates flat for several years.

This is the first water rate increase in over two and a half years and the first sewer rate increase in over three and a half years.

- The sewer and water fixed charges account for the fixed administrative costs to run the sewer and water programs. The rate changes are attributed to the City's increased investment in staff and resources to run these programs.
- The sewer rate accounts for maintenance of the sewer infrastructure. The rate change is mainly attributed to the City's increased investment in the Sewer Lining Program.
- The water rate accounts for both the wholesale cost of water purchased from the City of Chicago as well as the cost to maintain the City's water main infrastructure. The rate change is attributed to increases from the City of Chicago for the purchase of wholesale water.
- These rates begin January 1, 2019 and will affect water billed after this date. Therefore, the first bills to reflect the new utility rates will be issued on January 31, 2019 and February 28, 2019.

#### New utility rates per City ordinance:

Sewer Fixed Charge: \$3.55 per billing period

Sewer Rate: \$1.51 per 1,000 gallons

Water Rate: \$8.11 per 1,000 gallons

#### Water fixed charge per billing period by meter size:

5/8"	\$9.68
3/4"	\$9.68
1"	\$23.46
1 1/2"	\$46.92
2"	\$75.07
3"	\$211.14
4"	\$469.19
6"	\$938.38

To view the Water and Sewer Rate Study, please visit: <https://www.parkridge.us/assets/1/Documents/WRStudy.pdf>

To compare Fiscal Year 2019 rates to the previous rate, please visit: <https://www.parkridge.us/assets/1/Documents/UBRateCalc.xlsx>