



2023 Utility Rate Update

The Bismarck City Commission approved water utility rate updates during its April 25 regular commission meeting. Part of this process included examining different water utility rate design options. The contents of this page provide information about the "how and why" that went into the water and sewer rate portions of the city's utility bill your home receives each month.

For existing water utility rate information, visit the [Utility Billing Rate Schedule 2023 page](#).

Additional Resources

Please note that the Bismarck City Commission has indicated a preference for the fixed costs schedule as presented under Option A. Under all rate options and alternatives, seasonal sewer averaging will be applied to qualifying accounts, including multi-family and non-residential properties.

- [March 22, 2023, Bismarck City Commission Utility Cost of Service and Rate Design Update Presentation Slides](#)
- [2022/2018 Cost to Serve vs. Current Revenue](#)
- [Example of Bill Minimum](#)

Supplemental Resources

Note: The resources in the below section may have been altered as conversations about the Water Utility Rates have evolved and may not be the most up-to-date information. However, the evolution of this conversation was only possible through considering some of this information and we would feel remiss if we did not continue to include it in the information available to the public.

- [March 6, 2023, Bismarck City Commission Utility Cost of Service and Rate Design Update Presentation Slides](#)
- [December 13, 2022, Bismarck City Commission Utility Cost of Service & Rate Design Update Presentation Slides](#)
- [Supplemental Information](#)
- [2023 Utility Bill Insert](#)
- [2023 Utility Bill Winter vs. Summer Comparison Graphic](#)
- [2023 Utility Bill Impact Graphic](#)
- [2023 Fixed Cost Recovery Evaluation Graphic](#)
- [2023 Water Variable Rate Evaluation Graphic](#)
- [2023 Water Utility Rate Survey Hard Copy](#)
- [2018 Utility Rate Update Resources](#)

Videos of rate study presentations and discussions can be found on the [City of Bismarck Vimeo](#) channel.