



Dear Pleasant Grove Resident,

In an effort to continue providing quality service to Pleasant Grove residents, the City has recently done some rate analysis for the types of infrastructure that the City provides. This analysis showed that we would need to have some rate increases in order to keep up with improvements on our various systems. **The City will hold a public hearing on these proposed rates on Tuesday, June 10th in the City Council Chambers (86 East 100 South) at 6:00 p.m.** Below is a table showing the proposed increases and some explanations of why these increases are needed:

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Culinary Water (Base rate includes 5,000 Gallons)	\$15.60	\$17.16
Secondary Water Under .50 Acre	\$27.75	\$28.58
Secondary Water .50 Acre to .99 Acre	\$33.65	\$34.66
Secondary Water 1 Acre and Above	\$39.54	\$40.73
Drought Relief Surcharge	N/A	\$1.25
Garbage - 1st Can	\$10.61	\$11.14
Garbage - 2nd Can	\$7.90	\$8.29
Storm Drain	\$12.47	\$13.09
Sewer Base Rate	\$23.04	\$24.14

Culinary Water- The City has numerous water lines that are extremely old and continue to break. It is cheaper for the City to replace these lines than to constantly repair water main breaks. We also know we have some main lines that need to be replaced before we re-pave the road on top of the water line infrastructure. We are putting a plan together to make sure we don't have to tear up a new road in order to replace a water line. The proposed increase would make some of these main line replacements possible.

Secondary Water- The City is looking at expanding storage of secondary water to enhance the service that is being provided. Expanding the storage would include the addition of a water tank on the system. In order to minimize the bonding necessary for this improvement, the City would like to pursue a pay-as-

you-go option. This might not eliminate the need to bond and pay interest, but it could help reduce some of those costs over time.

Drought Relief Surcharge- In order to have enough water to provide secondary water service through the summer, Pleasant Grove City needed to rent water to meet those demands. Some of our storage water has been restricted due to the drought in Utah County. Because of these restrictions the City needs to pursue the renting of more water. The intent of the Drought Relief Surcharge is to have a one year surcharge to meet the water demands. If the drought continues then we'll likely need to charge this again next year. If the drought is broken then the surcharge will be dropped next year.

Storm Drain- Pleasant Grove City has invested money in the pursuit of securing land for future storm drain basins. There are still properties the City needs to buy before development takes these options away. The additional rates will help the City secure these properties and make sure that we continue to meet our debt service ratios needed to keep our high bond rating.

Sewer Rate- The sewer infrastructure owned by Pleasant Grove is doing very well. However, the treatment cost will see an increase. Pleasant Grove City belongs to the Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD) who provides the treatment service. They have increased their fees to the City for this service. Those fees are being passed along to the residents of Pleasant Grove. **If you would like to challenge those fees you can attend a TSSD Board Meeting the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The address to their meeting is 6400 North 5050 West which is an extension of Pleasant Grove Blvd., west of I-15 heading towards Utah Lake.**

Garbage- Garbage rates haven't been increased since 2008. Since that time the cost of providing the service has increased through our contract with Republic Services and the tipping fees paid at the North Pointe transfer station. In the past the City has absorbed these increases and has reached a point where we can no longer do so.

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