

ORDINANCE NO. 2947
CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON, AMENDING UTILITY RATES.

WHEREAS, the Sumner City Council approved the execution of an agreement to conduct a utility rate study for City-provided utilities in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 utility rate study determined the water, sewer, and stormwater utilities were generating insufficient revenues to maintain the annual operating and capital costs and recommended a rate adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner City Council determined that adjustments in these utility rates are necessary in order to maintain the financial health of the City of Sumner's utility operations.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Updated Fee Schedule Adopted. The City's utility rates as set forth in the Sumner Utility Rate and Fee Schedule are hereby amended to reflect an increase in rates for the water, sewer and storm utilities. The 2026-2027 Utility Rate and Fee Schedule attached as Exhibit A shall take effect January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027 as reflected in the attached and adopted fee schedule.

Section 2. Severability. If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. If the provisions of this ordinance are found to be inconsistent with other provisions of the Sumner Municipal Code, this ordinance is deemed to control.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from and after its passage approval and publication as provided by law.

Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the city attorney, the city clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; ordinance, section, or subsection number; or references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

Section 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Sumner, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 17th day of November, 2025.

Mayor Kathy Hayden

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Converse, CMC, City Clerk

Andrea Marquez, City Attorney

Date Adopted:

November 17th, 2025

Date of Publication:

Effective Date:

Ordinance 2947: Exhibit A

Sumner Utility Rate and Fee Schedule

Low Income Senior Citizen/Persons with Disabilities Discount Program: Customers that qualify for the Pierce County Property Tax Exemptions receive 25% off all base rates for water/sewer/stormwater.

Monthly Water Rates		Prior to 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Monthly Rate = Base + Consumption + Fire Flow (If Applicable)				
15% Surcharge for all charges outside city limits				
Monthly Domestic Meter Base Rate (Irrigation meters pay 50% base rates)	Meter Size	Monthly Cost	Monthly Cost	Monthly Cost
	3/4"	\$29.12	\$30.72	\$32.26
	1"	\$70.52	\$76.80	\$80.64
	1 1/2"	\$141.03	\$153.61	\$161.29
	2"	\$225.58	\$245.77	\$258.06
	3"	\$423.02	\$460.82	\$483.87
	4"	\$704.95	\$768.04	\$806.44
	6"	\$1,446.26	\$1,536.08	\$1,612.88
	8"	\$2,255.92	\$2,457.73	\$2,580.61
	10"	N/A	\$3,625.15	\$3,806.41
Consumption Rate per 100 cubic feet (CCF)	Multi-Family & Non-Residential	Cost per CCF	Cost per CCF	Cost per CCF
	1 - 10 CCF	\$2.55	\$2.69	\$2.82
	10 - 20 CCF	\$3.35	\$3.53	\$3.71
	20 CCF & above	\$4.00	\$4.22	\$4.43
	Single-Family			
	1-5 CCF	\$2.16	\$2.28	\$2.39
	6-16 CCF	\$3.24	\$3.42	\$3.59
	Above 16 CCF	\$4.31	\$4.55	\$4.77
Fire Flow (for all buildings 5,000 sq. ft. or more)	Building Size Per 1000 sq ft of floor area	Cost per 1000 SF	Cost per 1000 SF	Cost per 1000 SF
		\$1.93	\$2.04	\$2.14
Monthly Sewer Rates¹		Prior to 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Inside City Limits: Monthly Rate = Base + Consumption over 5 CCF				
Outside City Limits: monthly base rate only, no Consumption				
Monthly Base Rate (inside city limits)	Property Type	Monthly Cost	Monthly Cost	Monthly Cost
	Single family residential	\$68.18	\$72.27	\$76.61
	Multi-family (per dwelling unit)	\$58.15	\$57.82	\$61.29
	All other customers	\$68.15	\$72.27	\$76.61
Monthly Flat Rate (outside city limits)	Property Type	Monthly Cost	Monthly Cost	Monthly Cost
	Residential	\$98.81	\$103.64	\$109.86
Consumption Rate (inside city limits)	Consumption Per Month above ccf included in base	Cost per CCF	Cost per CCF	Cost per CCF
		\$10.04	\$10.64	\$11.28
1. High strength wastes with be billed by agreement on a case-by-case basis using actual treatment costs				
Monthly Stormwater Rates		Prior to 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Single Family Residential Parcel = 1 Equivalent Service Unit (ESU)				
All other properties based on site impervious surface (1 ESU = 3100 sq ft)				
Monthly Rate	Impervious Equivalents	Cost per ESU	Cost per ESU	Cost per ESU
	All ESU's	\$19.46	\$20.43	\$21.45
System Development Charges (SDCs) by Utility		Prior to 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
		Cost	Cost	Cost
Water SDC ^{1,2,3}	Per Meter Equivalent (ME)	\$7,574.33	\$6,489.00	*
Sewer SDC	Per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)	\$5,621.12	\$7,066.00	*
Stormwater SDC	Per Equivalent Service Unit (ESU)	\$2,577.45	\$3,209.00	*
Water Meter Equivalents		Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost
Water Meter Size (Inches)	Meter Equivalents (ME) Assigned			
3/4"	1	\$7,574.33	\$6,489.00	*
1"	2.5	\$18,935.82	\$16,222.50	*
1.5"	5	\$37,871.65	\$32,445.00	*
2"	8	\$60,594.63	\$51,912.00	*
3"	15	\$113,614.93	\$97,335.00	*
4"	25	\$189,358.21	\$162,225.00	*
6"	50	\$378,716.41	\$324,450.00	*
8"	80	\$605,946.25	\$519,120.00	*
10"	118	N/A	\$893,771.05	*
1. Single family dwelling and first unit per building for multi-family per meter size; Every other unit per building in multi-family dwellings as 3/4 of an ME				
2. System development charges for connections for industrial zoned and interchange commercial zoned parcels shall be based on 3.5 ERUs per acre with the number of acres calculated from the total parcel area. In the event the amount of water needed by the industrial customer should exceed 3.5 ERUs per acre, the city shall calculate and charge the SDC based on actual anticipated water use. SMC 13.24.230 (C)				
3. Outside the city limits, permit and system development charges for service shall be 25 percent higher per SMC 13.24.230				
Transportation Impact Fees (TIFs)		Prior to 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Adopted Fee Per New P.M. Peak Hour Trip	Transportation District	Cost	Cost	Cost
	Citywide ¹	\$7,314.23	\$7,314.23	*

* Cost will be updated in late 2026 per October 2026 inflation adjustments per City code

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____