

King County Water District 90

Winter 2020

Newsletter

Calendar

Board of Commissioner
Meetings (4:30pm)
First and Third
Tuesdays at the
District Office

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2020 RATE INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Commissioners approved a 7% rate increase effective with bills sent after January 1, 2020. The 7% rate increase is necessary as the District's cost for wholesale water has increased by 18% since 2017. Plus, the cost of repair and construction of District facilities has risen by 80% since 2015. After an extensive review of the District's budget and financial situation, the Board believes this is the lowest and most equitable rate increase required to maintain the District's financial position prudently. For 90% of our customers, the new base rate will increase from \$55.85 to \$59.75 every other month.

In addition to the base charge, water usage (consumption) is billed on a Tier System. With the 7% rate increase, each Tier will increase by at least \$0.25. Consumption charges are billed in one hundred cubic feet (1 Ccf) units; each unit is equal to 748 gallons. The first five (5) units are included in the base rate. The 2020 Tier rates are provided for you in the Consumption Rate Schedule chart below.


There is also an increase of \$0.10 per Ccf to the Summer Surcharge. The new Summer Surcharge is \$0.90 per Ccf, and for most customers, the surcharge does not apply to the first five (5) Ccf's, which are included in the base rate. The Summer Surcharge applies to all bills in June, July, August, and September of each year.

Consumption Rate Schedule


Tiers in Ccf's	Old Rate	New Rate	Summer Rate
0-5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6-15	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.55	\$ 4.45
16-25	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.90
26+	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.80	\$ 5.70


In the summer, an average customer may use 15 Ccf's of water (over a two-month billing period), or 11,220 gallons, equating to a total cost of \$104.25. This equals less than \$0.01 per gallon of water. Public water is a good deal!


The rates for all categories of users have increased and the 2020 Schedule of Charges is available at the District office or on our website <http://www.kcwd90.com>.





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How Do I?

Check out our new website!
It has been ten (10) years since the District rolled out our first website. Since that time our old site has become cluttered, difficult to navigate, and outdated.

We are excited to share our new website with you. It is simple to navigate, a number of our forms have been automated, and it is now cell-phone friendly.

Head to kcwd90.com and check it out!

URGENT CUSTOMER NOTICE

Washington Supreme Court rules that King County can charge “rent” to utilities using County rights-of-way; increased utility rates expected.

On December 5, 2019, the Washington Supreme Court issued its decision reversing the trial Court’s order in favor of the utilities, ruling that King County has the authority to charge “rent” to water, sewer, gas, and electric utilities as a condition of using County rights-of-way. The Court’s ruling will result in increases in your utility rates to cover the rent amounts being charged by the County. The specific impact to King County Water District No. 90 (the District) rates are not known at this time because the amount of the rent required to be paid to the County is still undetermined and will be the subject of future legal proceedings and/or negotiations.

What happens next? Based on a written compensation notice issued by King County to the District, the County seeks to require the District to pay approximately \$175,000 per year in rent for the use of County rights-of-way. Whatever the final rent amount is, it will be passed through to the District’s customers. Based on the County’s compensation notice, your water rates will be increased by \$3.00 per month or \$6.00 per billing cycle.

Starting in January 2020, if you live in unincorporated King County, you will see a separate line item on your bill for the “King County Right-of-Way Rental Fee.” This will initially be set at a rate of \$3.00 per month. If the District is successful in negotiating this rate down with the County, we will refund or reduce future rental fees to compensate for the reduction. Also, the County is requesting the District to pay 14 months of back rental amount; this will equate to an assessment of \$40 per household. The District will have more information on this in the coming months.

What you can do? The District is currently evaluating its options. In the meantime, if you have concerns about the County’s Ordinance and Rules and the impact on your utility rates, you can contact the King County Councilmembers who have constituents located in unincorporated King County. Listed below are the email addresses and telephone numbers for the councilmembers representing unincorporated areas of the County:

District 1.	rod.dembowski@kingcountry.gov ;	206-477-1001	(A sponsor of the Ordinance)
District 3.	kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov ;	206-477-1003	(A sponsor of the Ordinance)
District 4.	jeanne.kohl-welles@kingcounty.gov ;	206-477-1004	(Supported the Ordinance)
District 5.	dave.upthegrove@kingcounty.gov ;	206-477-1005	(A sponsor of the Ordinance)
District 7.	peter.vonReichbauer@kingcounty.gov ;	206-477-1007	(Opposed the Ordinance)
District 8.	joe.mcdermott@kingcounty.gov ;	206-477-1008	(Supported the Ordinance)
District 9.	reagan.dunn@kingcounty.gov ;	206-477-1009	(Opposed the Ordinance)

For more information, go to our website at kcwd90.com. If you have any questions, you may contact the District’s General Manager Darcey Peterson at 425-255-9600 or darceyp@kcwd90.com.

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