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AWWU's 2025 Proposed Rate Increases

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) is seeking approval to implement a rate increase equating to a total of \$6.00 for a single-family residential customer with both water and wastewater services. The proposed rate increases are expected to go into effect on February 14, 2025. AWWU is seeking approval first from the Anchorage Municipal Assembly (Assembly) and finally the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA).

On November 6, 2024, the AWWU Board of Directors approved submittal of proposed rate increases of 5.13% for Anchorage Water Utility (AWU) and 5.13% for Anchorage Wastewater Utility (ASU). Notably, when accounting for the anticipated delay in implementing these proposed rates, the annualized rate increase for each Utility in 2025 is proposed to be 4.50%. The rate increases will assist AWU and ASU in providing current service levels and financial stability.

Next, AWWU will seek approval from the Assembly to submit the proposed rate increases to the RCA for final approval. If granted by the RCA, the proposed rate increases are anticipated to take effect on an interim and refundable basis, effective on or before February 14, 2025.

The proposed rate increases will be introduced to the Assembly at the Regular Assembly Meeting on November 19, 2024. The matter is under the Consent Agenda, item 10.G.1, Ordinance No. AO 2024-112. A Public Hearing at the Assembly is proposed to be held on December 3, 2024. A link to the meeting agenda is [View Meeting - OnBase Agenda Online](#).

The proposed interim and refundable rate increases are based on the results of 2023 Test Year Revenue Requirement Studies. The primary factors driving these proposed rate increases are operation and maintenance expenses, including but not limited to, increased costs of chemicals, labor, utilities, services, Municipal Utilities Service Assessment, and depreciation expense.

The impacts to the bill of a single-family residential customer for AWU and ASU from the proposed rate increase for 2025 are as follows:

<u>AWU</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Customer Charge	\$10.53	\$11.07	\$0.54	5.13%
Usage Charge	\$49.57	\$52.11	\$2.54	5.12%
Fire Protection	\$1.52	\$1.60	\$0.08	5.26%
PRISM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AWU Total	\$61.62	\$64.78	\$3.16	5.13%

<u>ASU</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Customer Charge	\$10.61	\$11.15	\$0.54	5.09%
Usage Charge	\$44.92	\$47.22	\$2.30	5.12%
PRISM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
ASU Total	\$55.53	\$58.37	\$2.84	5.11%

AWWU Total	\$117.15	\$123.15	\$6.00	5.12%*
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***The % change equates to 4.50% when annualized.**

AWWU encourages community engagement and values customer input in the decision-making process regarding the proposed rate increases.

It is important to note that the proposed new rates will not be invoiced to customers until approved by the RCA on an interim and refundable basis, with the decision expected on or before February 14, 2025.

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