

**BOARD OF UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS**

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June 17, 2025

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution UT-1537, a Resolution of the City of Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners fixing rates and charges for water and sewer services to all customers, subject to the approval of the City Council by Ordinance, and subject to a public protest hearing as provided for in the California Constitution Article XIII.

Executive Summary

Pursuant to the budget guidelines of City Charter Section 1405, the Rate Resolution must be adopted in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Resolution and will be submitted to the City Council for approval subsequent to Board adoption.

Resolution UT-1537 replaces the current rate resolution, UT-1518, and incorporates a 12% increase for water rates and a 12% increase for sewer rates.

The typical monthly water bill for a single-family residence will increase by approximately \$8.26 per month. The typical sewer bill for a single-family residence will increase by approximately \$1.47 per month.

Stefanie Clavery
Senior Director of Finance

B. Anatole Falagán
General Manager

Attachments

FY 26 Water and Sewer Rates

Effective Oct 1, 2025

Potable

VOLUMETRIC:

Volumetric Rate by Customer Type:

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers
granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
IA	First 6	0.000	0.000
II	Next 7	5.939	6.652
III	Over 13	8.666	9.706

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers not
granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
IB	First 6	3.102	3.474
II	Next 7	5.939	6.652
III	Over 13	8.666	9.706

For Commercial, Industrial, Irrigation & the City

<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
4.614	5.168

Potable

SERVICE CHARGE:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.887	0.993
1 inch	1.315	1.473
1-1/2inch	2.385	2.671
2 inch	3.671	4.112
3 inch	7.736	8.664
4 inch	13.081	14.651
6 inch	29.131	32.627
8 inch	60.153	67.371
10 inch	90.106	100.919
12 inch	113.641	127.278
16 inch	167.127	187.182

Unmetered Water:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	3.853	4.315
1 inch	6.518	7.300
1-1/2inch	16.055	17.982
2 inch	25.258	28.289

Fireline Charges

<u>Size</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
2 inch	0.525	0.588
3 inch	1.055	1.182
4 inch	1.974	2.211
6 inch	5.258	5.889
8 inch	10.927	12.238
10 inch	19.454	21.788
12 inch	31.271	35.024
16 inch	66.361	74.324

Reclaimed

VOLUMETRIC:

	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
Peaking	2.999	3.359
Non-peaking	2.546	2.852
Interruptible	2.546	2.852

Reclaimed

SERVICE CHARGE:

Same as Potable Water
Daily Service Charges

Sewer

VOLUMETRIC:

	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
Per 100 Cu. ft.	0.424	0.475

Sewer

SERVICE CHARGE:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2025</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.268	0.300
1 inch	0.395	0.442
1-1/2inch	1.038	1.163
2 inch	1.791	2.006
3 inch	4.171	4.672
4 inch	6.034	6.758
6 inch	16.810	18.827
8 inch	17.819	19.957
10 inch	27.583	30.893
12 inch	34.789	38.964
16 inch	51.166	57.306

RESOLUTION NO. UT-1537

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. UT-1518 FIXING RATES
AND CHARGES FOR WATER, AND SEWER SERVICE TO
ALL CUSTOMERS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE
CITY COUNCIL BY ORDINANCE

The Board of Public Utilities Commissioners of the City of Long Beach
resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the following rates and charges for potable and reclaimed
water service, and sewer service are hereby established, and the Long Beach Public
Utilities Department ("Public Utilities Department") of the City of Long Beach ("City") is
hereby authorized and directed to charge and collect the same in accordance with the
provisions of this resolution. The establishment of rates and charges for water service and
sewer service are subject to a public hearing as required by Article XIII of the California
Constitution. All of the following rates and charges shall be effective as of October 1, 2025.

Section 2. For all metered services the charge for potable and reclaimed
water shall consist of both a service charge based on the size of the service and a
quantitative charge for water delivered.

A. The service charge shall be as follows:

1. Single family residential, duplex residential, and multi-
family residential customers of potable water who have been granted an
exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68
of the Long Beach Municipal Code shall receive a monthly service charge bill
credit of approximately Five Dollars (\$5.00) and the service charge rates shall
be as follows:

Size of Service

Daily Service Charge

5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$0.993
1 inch	\$1.473
1-1/2 inch	\$2.671
2 inch	\$4.112
3 inch	\$8.664
4 inch	\$14.651
6 inch	\$32.627
8 inch	\$67.371
10 inch	\$100.919
12 inch	\$127.278
16 inch	\$187.182

2. For commercial, industrial, irrigation, City of Long Beach Department, reclaimed, single family residential, duplex residential, and multi-family residential customers who have not been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code the service charge rates shall be as follows:

Size of Service

Daily Service Charge

5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$0.993
1 inch	\$1.473
1-1/2 inch	\$2.671
2 inch	\$4.112
3 inch	\$8.664
4 inch	\$14.651
6 inch	\$32.627
8 inch	\$67.371
10 inch	\$100.919

Size of Service

Daily Service Charge

12 inch

\$127.278

16 inch

\$187.182

B. The quantitative charge for all water delivered shall be as follows, based on monthly meter readings:

1. For single family residential, duplex residential, and multi-family residential customers of potable water who have been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code:

Tier IA	First 6 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$0.000
Tier II	Next 7 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$6.652
Tier III	Over 13 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$9.706

2. For single family residential, duplex residential, and multi-family residential customers of potable water who have not been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax:

Tier IB	First 6 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$3.474
Tier II	Next 7 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$6.652
Tier III	Over 13 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$9.706

3. For commercial customers of potable water, \$5.168 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

4. For industrial customers of potable water, \$5.168 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

5. For irrigation customers of potable water, \$5.168 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

6. For City of Long Beach Departments using potable water, \$5.168 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

7. For reclaimed water users whose use is "peaking" as defined herein, \$3.359 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

8. For reclaimed water users whose use is "non-peaking" as defined herein, \$2.852 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

9. For reclaimed water users whose use is "interruptible" as defined herein, \$2.852 per billing unit or fraction thereof.

10. These quantitative charges shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4 of this Section.

11. There shall be no charge for water used through fire hydrants for extinguishing fires.

Section 3.

A. Unmetered water service may be rendered to unoccupied or occupied property where it is not practical to meter the water, and the rate for unmetered water service shall be:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$4.315
1 inch	\$7.300
1-1/2 inch	\$17.982
2 inch	\$28.289

B. The rates for unmetered water service shall begin on the date of use of water by the customer, as determined by the General Manager of the Public Utilities Department ("General Manager").

Section 4. By Resolution the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners has established a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (the "Plan"). Pursuant to the Plan,

the Board may declare that a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 Water Shortage exists, in its sole discretion. Upon such declaration, the Board may increase water rates, by an amount necessary, as determined by the Board but not to exceed the following percentages:

Level 1 Water Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not to exceed 10% above the pre-shortage rate.

Level 2 Water Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not to exceed 25% above the pre-shortage rate.

Level 3 Water Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not to exceed 50% above the pre-shortage rate.

Section 5. Charges for water service through meters at temporary service connections from fire hydrants or otherwise shall be at the applicable quantitative charge plus the meter rental fee, together with a charge for installing, relocating, and removing the meter and fittings in accordance with the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan" of the Public Utilities Department.

Section 6.

A. The service charge for private fire protection service shall be in accordance with the following table:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
2 inch	\$0.588
3 inch	\$1.182
4 inch	\$2.211
6 inch	\$5.889
8 inch	\$12.238
10 inch	\$21.788
12 inch	\$35.024
16 inch	\$74.324

The service charges in this Section shall only include water

1 used for fire extinguishing purposes and a reasonable amount of water used
2 for testing the fire line.

3 B. Whenever the Public Utilities Department finds that water
4 through a private fire protection service is being used for purposes other than
5 fire extinguishing or testing the fire line, the General Manager may make a
6 determination of the quantity of water used, the quantitative charges for that
7 water, and the service charges to be applied. The General Manager's
8 determination shall be final. In addition, if water through a private fire
9 protection service is used for purposes other than fire extinguishing or testing
10 the fire line, the Public Utilities Department may discontinue the private fire
11 protection service or may install a domestic or fire flow meter, at either the
12 customer's or its expense as the General Manager may determine, and
13 thereafter the service shall be classified as regular service and billed at the
14 rates applicable thereto.

15 Section 7. The primary purpose of fire hydrants is extinguishing fires and
16 they shall be opened and used only by the Public Utilities Department, Fire Department, or
17 such other persons as may be authorized to do so by the General Manager or the Chief of
18 the Fire Department. Where fire hydrants are installed and maintained by the Public
19 Utilities Department, there shall be no standby charge made to the Fire Department

20 Section 8.

21 A. Water capacity fees are one-time charges paid by new
22 customers connecting to the Department's water system or current
23 customers requesting an increase in the size of their existing connection.
24 The Department shall charge water capacity fees based on the size of the
25 water meter. These fees are in addition to the installation cost of new or
26 upsized service connections.

27 B. The water capacity fees shall be in accordance with the
28 following table:

Meter Size

Capacity Fee Charge

3/4 inch	\$2,578
1 inch	\$4,296
1-1/2 inch	\$8,592
2 inch	\$13,748
3 inch	\$30,073
4 inch	\$51,554
6 inch	\$115,997
8 inch	\$240,586
10 inch	\$360,880
12 inch	\$455,396
13 inch	\$670,205

C. The water capacity charge shall be subject to annual adjustment, effective October 1 of each year, to reflect the increase of the Construction Cost Index ("CCI") for Los Angeles as published in the "Engineering News-Record". The increase shall be calculated each September by dividing the CCI published in August of the current calendar year by the CCI published in August of the preceding calendar year; that figure multiplied by the water capacity charge in effect in October shall be the new water capacity charge. No adjustment shall be made to reflect a decrease in the CCI.

Section 9.

A. For all sewer service where the sewer lateral connects to a main line maintained by the Public Utilities Department, or the sewer lateral is located in the public right-of-way, the charge for sewer service shall consist

of both a daily sewer rate and a volumetric sewer rate.

B. The daily sewer rate shall be in accordance with the following table:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Daily Sewer Rate</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$0.300
1 inch	\$0.442
1-1/2 inch	\$1.163
2 inch	\$2.006
3 inch	\$4.672
4 inch	\$6.758
6 inch	\$18.827
8 inch	\$19.957
10 inch	\$30.893
12 inch	\$38.964
16 inch	\$57.306

C. The volumetric sewer rate shall be \$0.475 per 100 cubic feet of water furnished where water service size is 5/8 inches or larger. The volumetric sewer rate shall not be applicable to fire services.

Industrial customers may apply for separately metered sewer discharge in accordance with the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan" of the Public Utilities Department.

D. For volumetric sewer rates, there are the following customer classifications: single family residential; duplex residential; multi-family residential; City Departments; commercial; and industrial.

Volumetric sewer rates for single family residential, duplex residential and multi-family residential shall be computed based on the

1 average of actual potable water use during the winter billing periods. The
2 winter billing periods used will be determined by the meter reading schedule
3 for the account. The actual winter usage is divided by the number of winter
4 days to obtain an average volume. The average volume will be the base
5 volume on which the volumetric sewer rate is charged for the next twelve-
6 month period beginning with May's billing periods. Each year, the average
7 volume will be recalculated for the succeeding twelve-month period.
8 Exceptions to the above calculation methodology will use the average volume
9 for the water service size in which the customer falls as the average volume
10 or a calculation using available usage information for the account. For those
11 residential customers with no previous history of use during the winter billing
12 periods, the average volume for the water service size in which the customer
13 falls will be used.

14 E. For all users of the sewer system that do not receive a water
15 bill from the City but where the user's sewer lateral connects to a main line
16 maintained by the Public Utilities Department, or where the sewer lateral is
17 located in the public right-of-way, the charge for sewer service shall consist
18 of both a daily sewer rate and a volumetric sewer rate. The daily sewer rate
19 shall be as provided in Subsection 8(B) of this Resolution. For these
20 customers, the volumetric sewer rate shall be based on the average volume
21 for the customer's water service size.

22 F. The City shall collect from all developments and all
23 developments shall be required to pay a capacity charge of One Hundred
24 and Thirty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$139.32) per equivalent fixture
25 unit at the time application for sewer service is made, but in no event later
26 than the time that the City issues a sewer permit for connection to the City
27 sewage system, as set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code and the
28 "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed

1 Water, Sewer Service and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan” of the
2 Public Utilities Department.

3 G. Upon receipt of an application for sewer service, the City’s
4 Department of Development Services (through the Plan Checker for
5 Plumbing) shall calculate the amount of the capacity charge by: 1)
6 determining if this resolution applies to the development; and 2) if this
7 resolution does not apply, indicating same on the application for sewer
8 service and the reason this resolution does not apply, and processing the
9 application in accordance with ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; or 3)
10 if this resolution does apply, determining the number of equivalent fixture
11 units in the development and multiplying that number by the capacity charge
12 per equivalent fixture unit.

13 H. The sewer capacity charge shall be subject to annual
14 adjustment, effective October 1 of each year, to reflect the increase of the
15 Construction Cost Index (“CCI”) for Los Angeles as published in the
16 “Engineering News-Record”. The increase shall be calculated each
17 September by dividing the CCI published in August of the current calendar
18 year by the CCI published in August of the preceding calendar year; that
19 figure multiplied by the sewer capacity charge in effect in October shall be
20 the new sewer capacity charge. No adjustment shall be made to reflect a
21 decrease in the CCI.

22 I. Funds derived from capacity charges shall be placed in the
23 Sewer Fund and shall be used only for the operation, construction,
24 reconstruction, acquisition, or maintenance of the City sewage system.

25 J. Anyone who has paid a capacity charge may apply for a full or
26 partial refund if within one year after payment: 1) the applicant has not been
27 permitted to connect to the City sewage system; or 2) the development on
28 which the capacity charge was calculated has been modified pursuant to

1 applicable City ordinances, resolutions, or regulations, resulting from a
2 reduction in the number of equivalent fixture units. Refund applications shall
3 be made on forms provided by the City and shall contain a declaration under
4 oath of those facts, along with relevant documentary evidence, which qualify
5 the applicant for the refund. In no event shall a refund exceed ninety percent
6 (90%) of the amount of the capacity charge actually paid.

7 K. Anyone subject to a capacity charge who constructs, deposits
8 money into escrow with the City for the construction of, participates in an
9 assessment district for the construction of, or otherwise contributes money or
10 improvements to the City for the operation, construction, reconstruction,
11 acquisition, or maintenance of the City sewage system shall be eligible for a
12 credit for such contribution against the capacity charge otherwise due. The
13 amount of the credit shall be the value of the contribution as determined by
14 the City provided, however, that the credit shall not exceed ninety percent
15 (90%) of the amount of the capacity charge. Applications for said credit shall
16 be made on forms provided by the City and shall be submitted at or before
17 the time of application for sewer service. The application shall contain a
18 declaration under oath of those facts, along with relevant documentary
19 evidence, which qualify the applicant for the credit.

20 L. The capacity charge and requirements pertaining thereto shall
21 not affect in any way the permissible use of property, density of development,
22 design and improvement standards, public improvement requirements, or
23 any other aspect of the development of land or construction of buildings
24 which may be imposed by the City pursuant to the Long Beach Municipal
25 Code, Subdivision Regulations, or other state or local laws, ordinances or
26 regulations which shall be in effect with respect to all developments.

27 M. The capacity charge is a charge on development that reflects a
28 development's proportionate share of the present depreciated value of the

existing City sewage system. As such the capacity charge is additional to and not in substitution of the following: 1) on-site sewer facility requirements imposed by the City pursuant to the Long Beach Municipal Code, Subdivision Regulations, and other state or local laws, ordinances or regulations; 2) sewer permit fees; 3) connection charges; 4) sewer rates; and 5) other fees, rates, and charges including but not limited to sewer standby or immediate availability charges and capital facilities charges for services or facilities other than as a proportionate share of the present depreciated value of the existing City sewer system. In no event shall an applicant for sewer service be obligated to pay fees, rates, or charges in excess of those calculated pursuant to applicable City ordinances, which shall not individually or collectively exceed the reasonable cost of providing sewer service to the development.

Section 10. Any term not defined herein which is defined in the Long Beach Municipal Code or in the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan" of the Public Utilities Department shall have the meaning stated therein.

Section 11.

A. Regular bills for water service and sewer service shall be issued at intervals of approximately one month (commonly called "monthly") except in those cases where the General Manager or the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners shall prescribe another billing interval. Insofar as practical, meters shall be read at regular intervals for the preparation of regular bills, and meters shall be read as required for the preparation of opening, closing, and special bills.

B. Every water customer and every sewer customer shall be liable for payment of bills for water service and sewer service. Charges for water service and sewer service shall be included in municipal utility bills.

1 C. Anyone who has been granted an exemption under Chapter
2 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code as of the date of this resolution does
3 not need to file a separate application for exemption hereunder.

4 Section 12. Whenever the correctness of any bill for water or sewer service
5 is questioned by a customer, the procedures established in the "Rules, Regulations and
6 Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Water
7 Shortage Contingency Plan" of the Public Utilities Department shall be followed.

8 Section 13. The following words shall have the meanings defined as
9 follows:

10 A. "Billing unit" means one hundred (100) cubic feet of water and
11 equals 748 gallons;

12 B. "Commercial" refers to activities devoted primarily to business,
13 property management, or a profession;

14 C. "Industrial" refers to activities devoted primarily to
15 manufacturing or processing;

16 D. "Interruptible" refers to reclaimed water service that can be
17 suspended at any time at the Board's discretion, without liability and
18 dependent upon the Public Utilities Department's reclaimed water system
19 needs for such service.

20 E. "Non-peaking" means total average daily demand occurring at
21 a continuous, constant level over a twenty-four (24) hour period;

22 F. "Peaking" means total average daily demand occurring
23 between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

24 G. "Winter billing period" means the time period used for sewer
25 volumetric calculation purposes, which includes bills with a bill prepared date
26 in December, January, February, or March.

27 Section 14. All other resolutions of the Board of Public Utilities
28 Commissioners, or provisions thereof, which conflict with this resolution are hereby

1 rescinded. The charges, conditions, and provisions established in this Resolution shall
2 supersede all others previously established.

3 Section 15. The Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners
4 shall certify to the passage of this resolution and it shall take effect by operation of law
5 following its approval by the City Council by ordinance.

6 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of
7 Public Utilities Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting held on June 17,
8 2025, by the following vote:

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10 Ayes: Commissioners: _____

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13 Noes: Commissioners: _____

14 Absent: Commissioners: _____

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19 Secretary
20 Board of Public Utilities Commissioners