



Notice of Public Hearing

Purpose: The City of St. George, Utah will hold public hearings to review and take public comment regarding non-reciprocal transfers for unbilled utility services from the Electric, Water, and Sewer Funds to other City Funds.

Public Hearing: *Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm. St. George City Hall, 175 E 200 N, St. George, UT 84770*

Background: The City of St. George has funds that operate as business-type funds, providing water, energy, and sewer collection and treatment services to customers and charging fees based upon consumption (usage) at rates established by the St. George City Council. Most city-owned facilities are charged for these services, but some services are provided at no cost to the City. For example, the Water Fund provides water and irrigation water to some city parks, city facilities, golf courses, and landscaped rights-of-way. Similarly, the Electric Fund provides power to city wells and pump stations used by the Water Fund to distribute water to customers. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the total amount of unbilled services is \$1,132,508 for water and irrigation, \$62,628 for sewer collection and treatment, and \$1,159,753 for electricity.

The costs indicated in this notice are already included in the rates utility customers are currently paying, and we estimate that each customer is billed an average of \$2.10 per month for these costs. This notice is for informational purposes only and this practice of unbilled utility services does not result in a proposed increase in the water, electric, or sewer rates. However, the 2024-2025 budget does include proposed rate increases for residential and commercial customers due to increased costs from suppliers and other infrastructure needs. The proposed water increase incorporates a passthrough of a \$0.13 per 1,000 gallons increase in wholesale rates from the Washington County Water Conservancy District and the proposed electric rate increase for residential service is increasing from \$0.076554 to \$0.080382 on tier 1 and from \$0.093150 to \$0.107120 on tier 2. For commercial and other proposed rate increases, visit https://sgcityutah.gov/departments/utility_rates.php

For the current fiscal year 2023-2024, the amount of unbilled utility services is as follows:

Fund Receiving Service	Unbilled Electricity	Unbilled Water & Irrigation	Unbilled Sewer
General Fund	\$ 37,078	\$ 1,068,683	\$ 54,528
Water Fund	\$1,076,767	\$ 20,490	\$ 2,203
Energy Fund	\$ 45,908	\$ 3,274	\$ 5,076
Regional Wastewater Treatment	\$ 0	\$ 39,838	\$ 0
Public Transit Fund	\$ 0	\$ 224	\$ 821
Total Unbilled Amount	\$ 1,159,753	\$ 1,132,508	\$ 62,628

For next fiscal year 2024-2025, the amount of unbilled utility services are budgeted as follows:

Fund Receiving Service	Unbilled Electricity	Unbilled Water & Irrigation	Unbilled Sewer
General Fund	\$ 36,500	\$ 1,250,100	\$ 57,300
Water Fund	\$1,356,700	\$ 23,800	\$ 2,300
Energy Fund	\$ 51,400	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,300
Regional Wastewater Treatment	\$ 0	\$ 40,400	\$ 0
Public Transit Fund	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 900
Total Unbilled Amount	\$ 1,444,600	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 65,800

For questions or comments regarding this public notice, please contact the following individuals at 435-627-4000.

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