



Memorandum

To: Mayor, Town Council
From: Rick Wixom
Date: November 4, 2025
Re: **November 12, 2025 Town Council Meeting**
Ordinance 2025-18, Amending Utility User Rates

In April 2025, at the request of the Kinesava HOA, the Mayor directed council members Randy Aton and Jack Burns to meet with members of the HOA, review the irrigation rates currently assessed on 4" meters, and meet with the Town Manager to review the methodology for the rates that were established in December 2022, and return with a recommendation to the Council on if rates should be modified. The HOA had expressed concern that the current rates were unfair to the HOA and asked the Council to intervene.

The council members met with HOA representatives several times during the intervening months and discussed several options for revisions to the 4" irrigation rate. At this point they are ready to recommend a rate revision to the Council. As a reminder, at present the only 4" user in the system is the Kinesava HOA and at present there are no 3" connections. However, there are both 3" and 4" connections present in the Springdale Consolidated Irrigation Company (SCIC) shareholders that potentially could be Town users at some future time.

The proposed rate reduces the monthly cost for a 4" connection from a current rate of \$511.65/month to \$271.00/month. The monthly allocation for irrigation water is also reduced from 800,000 gallons per month, to 600,000 gallons per month. Again, as a reminder, the monthly allocation for water is included in the base rate fee. Irrigation water usage in addition to the allocation is charged a usage rate ranging from \$0.86/1000 gallons to \$1.35/1000 gallons, depending on how much irrigation water is used.

Each usage rate (1", 1.5", 2", and 4") has a unique base rate and the monthly usage allocations vary depending on the size of meter. The usage rates for additional gallons are consistent across all the meter sizes.

Because the Town does not presently have any 3" connections on our irrigation system but can foresee a time when one of the 3" connections in the SCIC shareholders becomes a town customer, the proposed ordinance contemplates an additional 3" rate in the future. The timing of this action will depend on when a new 3" connection is added to the Town's irrigation system. This could happen when a shareholder sells his shares, or the property is sold independently from the shares currently used. Both occurrences have happened in the past. At the time a new 3" connection is included, the 4" rate in the ordinance will be increased to incorporate a new 3" rate into the fee schedule.

The proposed ordinance will go into effect January 1, 2026. No changes to other rates (culinary water, sewer) are proposed at this time.

Reducing the monthly rate for the 4" connection reduces the system revenue by \$2,887.8 per year, assuming no water is used outside the monthly allocation amount. As the Council is aware, the irrigation fund is subsidized each year by the general fund, and this proposal will increase that need.

Pursuant to a change in state law, utility user rates require a public hearing before the Council can take action to enact or change a user rate. A subsequent item on the agenda modifies the Town's fee schedule to match this ordinance.



ORDINANCE 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-2-5 OF THE TOWN CODE MODIFYING USER FEES AND CHARGES FOR SECONDARY WATER SERVICES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Springdale recognizes the need to modify utility user fees from time to time in order to cover the costs of the operation and maintenance of the utility systems and other expenses related to providing utility services, including debt service payments and replacement of infrastructure and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed existing rate schedules for the irrigation system, and has determined that changes in the utility schedules are necessary, including modifying the irrigation rate structure by modifying the 4" meter schedule and removing redundant language; and

WHEREAS, as of 1/1/2021, Utah State Code section 10-8-22 (4) requires that water rates be established by ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Springdale Town Council that section 8-2-5 of the Springdale Town Code is amended as follows:

Section 1: Secondary Water User Fees

8-2-5: FEES:

- A. *Service rates and connection fees:* The rates, penalty fee for delinquency in payment, connection fee, inspection fee and other charges incidental to connection and services from the secondary water system shall be fixed from time to time by resolution or ordinance enacted by the Town Council pursuant to State Code. The Town Council may from time to time establish rules for levying, billing, guaranteeing and collecting charges for secondary water services and all other rules necessary for the management and control of the secondary water system. Rates for services furnished shall be uniform with respect to each class or classes of service established or that may hereafter be established.
- B. *Special rates:* The Town Council may from time-to-time fix by agreement or resolution special rates and conditions for users using exceptionally large amounts of water service or

making use of the secondary water system under exceptional circumstances, upon such terms and conditions as they deem proper.

- C. *Complaints; corrections; indigents*: The Town Council is hereby constituted a board of equalization of secondary water rates to hear complaints and make corrections of any assessments deemed to be illegal, unequal, or unjust. They may, if they see fit, rebate all or any part of the secondary water bill of any indigent person.
- D. *Irrigation Use Rates*: The following rates and fees are imposed on the use of the Town's secondary water service system:
1. Application Fee: \$25
 2. Inspection Fee: \$25 for new installations.
 3. Town Irrigation Customers: There shall be a monthly base charge based on installed valve size plus a volume charge based on water used according to schedule A below. ~~All irrigation connections installed after 10/9/2019 are limited to a 1-inch connection per Ord 2019-11.~~

Schedule A

1" Meter	Current Rates (11/9/22)	Effective 1/1/23	Effective 1/1/24	Effective 1/1/25	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Base Charge	\$21.17	\$42.34	\$43.61	\$44.92	\$46.27	\$47.65
Usage Tiers (in Gallons)	Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons)					
0 – 50,000	\$0.00	included in base rate				
50,001 – 60,000	\$0.00	0.79	\$0.81	\$0.84	\$0.86	\$0.89
60,001 – 75,000	\$0.00	0.99	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.08	\$1.11
Over 75,000	\$0.00	1.23	\$1.27	\$1.31	\$1.35	\$1.39

1.5" Meter	Current Rates (11/9/22)	Effective 1/1/23	Effective 1/1/24	Effective 1/1/25	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Base Charge	\$42.33	\$63.51	\$65.42	\$67.38	\$69.40	\$71.48
Usage Tiers (in Gallons)	Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons)					

0 – 300,000	\$0.00	included in base rate				
300,001 – 360,000	\$0.00	0.79	\$0.81	\$0.84	\$0.86	\$0.89
360,001 – 450,000	\$0.00	0.99	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.08	\$1.11
Over 450,000	\$0.00	1.23	\$1.27	\$1.31	\$1.35	\$1.39

2" Meter	Current Rates (11/9/22)	Effective 1/1/23	Effective 1/1/24	Effective 1/1/25	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Base Charge	\$63.50	\$95.27	\$98.12	\$101.07	\$104.10	\$107.22
Usage Tiers (in Gallons)	Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons)					
0 – 300,000	\$0.00	included in base rate				
300,001 – 360,000	\$0.00	0.79	\$0.81	\$0.84	\$0.86	\$0.89
360,001 – 450,000	\$0.00	0.99	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.08	\$1.11
Over 450,000	\$0.00	1.23	\$1.27	\$1.31	\$1.35	\$1.39

4" Meter	Current Rates (11/9/22)	Effective 1/1/23	Effective 1/1/24	Effective 1/1/25	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
Base Charge	\$148.25	\$482.28	\$496.75	\$511.65	\$527.00	\$542.81
Usage Tiers (in Gallons)	Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons)					
0 – 800,000	\$0.00	included in base rate				
800,001 – 960,000	\$0.00	0.79	\$0.81	\$0.84	\$0.86	\$0.89
960,001 – 1,200,000	\$0.00	0.99	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.08	\$1.11
Over 1,200,000	\$0.00	1.23	\$1.27	\$1.31	\$1.35	\$1.39

<u>4" Meter</u>					<u>Effective 1/1/26</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/27</u>
<u>Base Charge</u>					<u>\$271.00</u>	<u>\$279.13</u>
<u>Usage Tiers (in Gallons)</u>	<u>Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons)</u>					
<u>0 – 600,000</u>		<u>included in base rate</u>				
<u>600,001 – 720,000</u>					<u>\$0.86</u>	<u>\$0.89</u>
<u>720,001 – 900,000</u>					<u>\$1.08</u>	<u>\$1.11</u>
<u>Over 900,000</u>					<u>\$1.35</u>	<u>\$1.39</u>

4. At the time that the Town's secondary (irrigation) system includes a 3" connection, the 4" meter rate shown above will be increased to a new rate as determined by the Town Council to incorporate a new 3" rate into the fee schedule.

54. Springdale Consolidated Irrigation Company (SCIC): The SCIC will be assessed a share of the operations and maintenance costs of the irrigation system in accordance with an agreement between the Town and the SCIC, to be billed annually, or as otherwise provided for by agreement.

Section 2: Effective Date

This ordinance will be effective upon publishing and posting. Irrigation water rates and fees will be effective January 1, 2026, and increase annually as shown herein.

ADOPTED by the Springdale Town Council this 12th day of November 2025.

Barbara Bruno, Mayor

Attest:

Aren Emerson, Town Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE		
R. Aton	Yes	No
B. Bruno	Yes	No
J. Burns	Yes	No
P. Campbell	Yes	No
L. Zumpft	Yes	No

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Aren Emerson, acting on behalf of the Town of Springdale, hereby certify that accurate copies of Ordinance 2025-11, were posted at three places within the municipality: Springdale Town Hall, Springdale Post Office, and the Canyon Community Center on the _____ day of _____, 2025.