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Proposed Update to Monthly Base Water Rates

PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm
Swiss Hall, 4605 Brookfield Avenue, Tillamook

Fairview Water District is proposing an update to the monthly base rate. This is the fixed charge that supports pipe and pump maintenance, water quality testing, and the daily work of keeping water ready at your tap.

The Board reviewed an independent rate study completed in December 2025 by the Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) and is proposing a new $40 monthly base rate for a standard 5/8-inch residential meter, with rates for larger meters adjusted by size. **This proposal does not change your usage (per-gallon) rate**.

If adopted, the new rates would begin in December 2026 and appear on bills mailed in early January 2027.

Meter Size (in inches)	Current Monthly Base Rate	Proposed Monthly Base Rate	Base Rate Increase
5/8 in-District	$ 20.00	$ 40.00	+ $ 20.00
5/8 out-of-District	$ 22.00	$ 40.00	+ $ 18.00
1	$ 23.25	$ 56.00	+ $ 32.75
1 ½	$ 31.05	$ 72.00	+ $ 40.95
2	$ 38.75	$ 116.00	+ $ 77.25
3	$ 51.85	$ 440.00	+ $ 388.15
4	$ 68.75	$ 560.00	+ $ 491.25
6	N/A	$ 840.00	N/A
8	$ 100.00	$ 1,160.00	+ $ 1,060.00

- Unmetered connections would be charged twice the base rate for the matching line size.
- Most residential customers would see an increase of about $20 to their bill each month.
- **For customers who currently pay a separate EDU, farm, or multifamily charge, the new base rate would replace both that charge and the existing base rate.** Some of these customers may see a decrease in their total monthly bill.

Why the change?

Water rates have remained low for many years and have not kept pace with the cost of operating and maintaining the water system. Aging equipment needs attention, major repairs and replacements have accumulated, and recurring issues require longer-term solutions. Costs for materials, daily operations, water testing, and meeting evolving drinking-water regulations have also increased. The proposed increase would help us begin to address some of these needs.

We want to hear from you!

Please join us at the hearing or share your comments beforehand by email at *office@fairviewwater.com*, or by mail or in-person at the District office at 403 Marolf Loop Rd., Tillamook, OR 97141.

- Read the full OAWU water rate study and find answers to common questions at **www.fairviewwater.com**.