



UPCOMING SEWER FEE INCREASE

WHAT IS MY BILL?

Your bill is made up of five different areas:

1. **Sewer fee:** Funds projects to help repair or replace failing sewer infrastructure.
2. **Public Safety fee:** Helps fund the police department and law enforcement operations.
3. **Transportation fee:** Allows the city to repair or replace bad streets.
4. **Storm fee:** Helps to fund storm system projects.
5. **Plant Upgrade fee:** Funds projects associated with the wastewater plant.

CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ALLOWING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAILERS. MARCH 3rd

**Winston Community Center
440 SE Grape Street
Winston, OR 97496
At 7pm**

WHY IS THAT NECESSARY?

The City of Winston went almost 10 years without considering an increase while the cost to replace bad sewer pipes increased along with everything else. An evaluation has indicated we have more than 26 million in sewer repairs needed throughout the city.

How much will it increase?

An engineering study has concluded our sewer rate needs to be \$65 per month in order to finance the high severity projects within the next five years. The current rate is \$53 per month. Winston City Council will be considering a \$6 increase on July 1st, 2025 which will allow the city to be closer to financing the projects and gain better eligibility for large grant packages from the State of Oregon.

HOW BAD ARE THE SEWER PIPES?



Offset Pipes, Failed Joints, Root Intrusion, Failed Pipes

Sources of Inflow & Infiltration are Costly to Convey & Treat



***These are examples of pipes the city has repaired. ***

The above illustration are examples of deficient pipes discovered and repaired by the city. Many more still remain that stand as high priority.

We recognize that some Winston citizens may be on a fixed income. There is a senior low-income discount available. Please call Winston City Hall to see if you qualify.
