

Hydrant Valve Rates & Charges Public Rate Hearing

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Why we're here today

- Actions to date
- Hydrant use background
- Proposed adjustments
- Public comment
- Next steps

Hydrant valve background

- Most often used by contractors/builders when a short-term water supply is needed during construction
- Customer charges and rates include:
 - Hydrant valve install/removal fee
 - Daily hydrant valve use rate
 - Daily hydrant use rate
 - Water consumption charges

Recommendation drivers

- Charges and rates have not been recalibrated in several years
- Customers have voiced frustration with high daily charges when compared to other local utilities
- Staff committed to performing a thorough review to determine if adjustments were appropriate
- Lacking confirmed historical cost methodologies, staff developed cost calculations based on current data

Hydrant valve installation charges

Current

- \$60 per install
- \$60 per removal

Proposed

- \$280 install/removal fee
 - Combines charges into one single charge for simplicity for customers and staff

Daily hydrant & valve use rates

Current

- **Daily hydrant valve use rate**
 - Current: \$23.75 per day
- **Daily hydrant use rate**
 - Current: \$23.75 per day
- **Water quantity rates**
 - Current: \$4.10/1,000 gallons
- Rates apply to District owned and customer owned devices

Proposed

- **Combine hydrant valve and hydrant use rates into one rate**
 - Proposed: \$12.00 per day
- **Water quantity rates**
 - No change recommended
- Combines rates into one rate to simplify for customers and staff
- Recommend effective date of June 1, 2025
- Subject to annual adjustments as included in the overall rate plan

Customer Cost Comparison

- Average installation time: 31 Days
- Average water quantity: 38,000 gallons
- Bill example (current rates)
 - Daily charges + water: \$1,630
 - Install & Removal Fees: \$120
 - Total current charges: \$1,750
- Bill example (proposed rates)
 - Daily charges + water: \$530
 - Install & Removal Fee: \$280
 - Total proposed charges: \$810

Public comment

Next steps

✓ Mar. 17

- Preview rate recommendation and outreach

✓ Mar. 8 - 28

- ✓ Legal notice in local publication
- ✓ Direct mail outreach to contractors/customers

☐ Apr. 7

- Rate hearing & public comment opportunity

☐ Apr. 21

- Return with resolution seeking adoption of rates
 - If approved, effective June 1, 2025