



UNDERSTANDING

# NAMPA'S UTILITY INCREASE

MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Fiscal stewardship and maintaining our infrastructure is of the utmost importance to the City of Nampa. Delivering clean water and dependable sewer services requires repairs and replacement every year. The City of Nampa is mindful of the impact increases have on our customers and make every effort to use tax dollars wisely. With 900 miles of domestic and irrigation pipes in Nampa, the City is committed to providing quality services in the most cost-effective way possible without risking a potential failure.

## RECOMMENDATIONS BUILT ON DATA

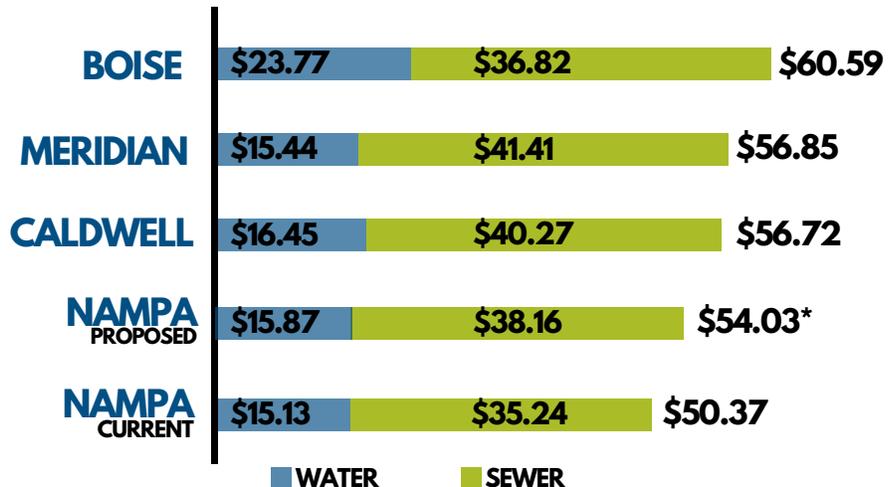


The City of Nampa's proposed rate increases are a result of recommendations made by a variety of stakeholders who assess the financial climate and maintenance needs.

## PROPOSED RATE COMPARISONS ACROSS THE VALLEY

Small incremental increases are essential to maintaining infrastructure throughout the Treasure Valley. **Every city** is making crucial decisions to invest in their infrastructure and maintain the level of service our residents expect.

Even with current increases, Nampa's utility services still rank as the **lowest** in the Treasure Valley.



\*Proposed increase subject to Nampa City Council approval at Feb. 1, 2021 meeting. The above figures represent average charges for customers; your bill may vary.



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## MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Water infrastructure is crucial to every aspect of life including public health, fire safety and economic vitality. Without strategic pipe replacement, more frequent emergency breaks will occur and our ability to enjoy uninterrupted utility services will diminish.

Emergency repairs are

**7X**

**more costly than planned utility repairs.** Since our fiscal year began in Oct. 2020, we have already seen more line breaks than our previous fiscal year.

**26%**

of Nampa's domestic pipes will have reached their useful life by 2040, which is around 100 miles of pipe.

**.36%**

is the average amount of pipe that **most** Idaho communities are replacing annually.

**\$236**

The cost per foot for the City's 2020 water main replacement project.

**.12%**

is the average amount of pipe that the City of Nampa currently replaces. Our goal is to replace 3.2 miles or 1% each year.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why do rates continue to increase?

Rates have increased as the City of Nampa responds to the needed maintenance of our current infrastructure. Delaying maintenance due to lack of funds can lead to increased costs for emergency repairs since it is seven times (7x) more expensive than planned repairs, and an increase in breaks due to aged infrastructure of the current water lines.

### Are developers paying their own share or are these rates supplementing growth?

While rates for residential customers increase, so does development fees. The City of Nampa collects impact fees and hook-up fees for new development. **The proposed increase will go towards maintenance, not expansion.** To learn more about impact fees, visit [cityofnampa.us/1261/Impact-Fees](http://cityofnampa.us/1261/Impact-Fees).

### Are there any programs to assist me with paying my utility bill?

The Nampa Shares & Cares program assists City of Nampa customers with utility billing. The Salvation Army of Nampa assists with the application process by first calling (208) 467-6586, ext. 9.

For additional information, or to donate to the Nampa Shares & Cares program, contact the City of Nampa utility billing office at (208) 468-5711.

### Why are sewer rates increasing?

In May 2018, City of Nampa residents voted to approve a \$165 million sewer bond which included consistent and steady increases each year through FY 2026. To learn more, visit [cityofnampa.us.us/sewerbond](http://cityofnampa.us.us/sewerbond).