

The Community Planner

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Planning, Financing, and Administration News

Utility Rate Survey

Over the past 6 months we have received many inquiries about utility rates in communities of similar size to your own. As promised in a prior issue of The Community Planner, we are providing cities with a summary of utility rate data in this issue.

As many of you know, monthly utility rates among communities are highly variable based on the complexity of the City's water and wastewater operations. Some of these factors include the community's size, whether or not the community has a water treatment facility or mechanical wastewater treatment plant, and local policies related to capital improvement planning.

The data used for this survey was compiled from the beginning of 2010 through April 2011. To give everyone an opportunity to compare your community's monthly utility rates to your peer group, we have separated the information based on population.

Upcoming Program Deadlines

June 30, 2011—Financial Statements
Due to State Auditor's Office

July 1, 2011—Local Results and
Innovation Report Due to State
Auditor's Office

August 1, 2011—DEED
Redevelopment Grant Program

Ongoing—DEED Public
Infrastructure Grant Program

See You at the 2011 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace

We will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference and Marketplace on June 15 – 17 in Rochester. Please stop by Booth 49 in Exhibitor Hall and say hello.

CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 1,000

I&S Group collected utility rate information from 94 cities within this peer group. The average monthly rate information is based on fixed/flat rate charges for service and is based on 5,000 gallons of usage in the month.

- » Average Monthly Water Bill
\$28.63
- » Average Monthly Wastewater Bill
\$27.77
- » Average Monthly Water and
Wastewater Bill
\$56.40

CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF 1,000 – 2,999

I&S Group collected utility rate information from 31 cities within this peer group. The average monthly rate information is based on fixed/flat rate charges for service and is based on 5,000 gallons of usage in the month.

- » Average Monthly Water Bill
\$26.61
- » Average Monthly Wastewater Bill
\$31.67
- » Average Monthly Water and
Wastewater Bill
\$58.28

CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF 3,000 AND GREATER

I&S Group collected utility rate information from 19 cities within this peer group. The average monthly rate information is based on fixed/flat rate charges for service and is based on 5,000 gallons of usage in the month.

- » Average Monthly Water Bill
\$23.47
- » Average Monthly Wastewater Bill
\$29.91
- » Average Monthly Water and
Wastewater Bill
\$53.38

At Your Service

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming LMC Annual Conference. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or look us up at this event.

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