

3. Resolution approving the adjusted City water and sewer rates in accordance with the 2024 Water/Sewer Rate Study



Item Number: 3

# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Committee of the Whole  
**LIAISON:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**FROM:** Tai Verbrugge, Utility Financial Officer  
Fiscal Services

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution approving the adjusted City water and sewer rates in accordance with the 2024 Water/Sewer Rate Study**

The 2024 Preliminary Water/Sewer Rate Study recommended water and sewer utility rate adjustments as of January 1, 2025, for Grand Rapids and each partner community serviced by the water supply and sewage disposal systems. City Commission approval of rate adjustments is required through resolution.

Utility Advisory Board (UAB) partners and other customer communities were notified of the recommended rate adjustments on November 7, 2024, followed by a thirty-day comment period expiring on December 7, 2024, as provided in the water and sanitary sewer service agreements. To date, all questions from partner communities have been satisfactorily answered, no other comments have been received from the partner communities, and no individual meetings have been requested with the Rate Study Team.

The partner community comment period resulted in no adjustments to the overall 2024 Rate Study recommendations. In summary, Water Supply System revenue requirements reflect a 2.80% increase, or an additional \$1,517,161 more than revenues generated by the existing rates. The Sewage Disposal System revenue requirements reflect a 2.91% increase, or an additional \$1,887,796 more than revenues generated by the existing rates and charges.

Pursuant to Section 2.33 and 2.94 of the City Code, the preliminary rate study with explanatory materials were filed with the City Clerk, made available online at [www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Departments/Water-System/Water-and-Sewer-Rate-Study](http://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Departments/Water-System/Water-and-Sewer-Rate-Study) and notice of availability of such information was published in the newspaper at least twenty (20) days prior to adoption of this resolution to provide for

opportunities for public comment. This was also the first year in which the Rate Study Team collected in-person feedback from the public through weekly tabling in each ward.

The attached resolution is submitted for adoption. A summary of water and sewer revenue requirement changes, the retail and wholesale summary sheets for water and sewer rates, a rate schedule for each customer community, and a summary of the received public comments is included with the resolution.

Your COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving the adjusted City water and sewer rates in accordance with the 2024 Water/Sewer Rate Study.

WHEREAS:

1. The Water/Sewer rate studies have been undertaken and completed for the years 1976 through 2023; and
2. The 2024 Water/Sewer rate study has been completed using the same general methodology as the 1976 through 2023 Water/Sewer rate studies, as adjusted where appropriate for the uniform water and sanitary sewer service agreements; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That pursuant to Section 2.33 of Chapter 26 of the City Code, the following water rates, charges, and fees will be as follows:

a. Front foot rate

Domestic	\$150
Commercial	\$230

b. Integrated water connection fees

i. Plan Review and Connection Fee (PRC)

1. Residential Users (three residential units or less)

Meter Size	PRC Fee
¾ inch or less	\$395
1 inch	\$415
1½ inch	\$415

2. All other Users (including residential of more than 3 units, commercial, industrial, governmental and religious)

Meter Size	PRC Fee
¾ inch or less	\$765
1 inch	\$1,030
1½ inch	\$1,370
2 inch	\$1,890
3 inch	\$2,355
4 inch	\$3,390
6 inch	\$4,780

- ii. Meter Capacity Fee (MCC) (when water and sanitary sewer connections are made at the same time only one Meter Capacity Fee shall be charged)

Meter Size	MCC Fee
¾ inch or less	\$210
1 inch	\$295
1½ inch	\$985
2 inch	\$1,155
3 inch	\$2,355
4 inch	\$3,146
6 inch	\$5,201
Ultrasonic Meters	
1-1/2" – 12"	At Cost

- iii. Fire Protection Review Fee

All Fire Service Sizes	\$800
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- iv. Commercial Plan Assessment Fee (for instances where there is an established connection or property has been previously reviewed)

All Sizes	\$125
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- c. Commodity rates within the City of Grand Rapids

Domestic	\$2.57 per 100 cubic feet
Commercial	\$2.57 per 100 cubic feet
Industrial	\$2.57 per 100 cubic feet

- d. Monthly service charge within the City of Grand Rapids

Size of Meter	Charge
¾ inch or less	\$13.78
1 inch	\$21.63
1¼ inch	\$31.72
1½ inch	\$44.05
2 inches	\$75.44
3 inches	\$165.13
4 inches	\$290.69
6 inches or larger	\$649.45

## e. Fire protection charge

Size of Pipe	Monthly	Quarterly
6 inches	\$22.98	\$68.94
8 inches	\$40.76	\$122.28
10 inches	\$63.87	\$191.61
12 inches	\$91.91	\$275.73

## f. Water service pipe costs

	50 ft.	60 ft.	66 ft.	80 ft.	100 ft.
	R.O.W.	R.O.W.	R.O.W.	R.O.W.	R.O.W.
Cost for 1 inch Water Service	\$3,900	\$4,300	\$4,600	\$5,200	\$6,200
Cost for 1½ inch Water Service	\$5,700	\$6,300	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$8,800
Cost for 2 inches Water Service	\$6,500	\$7,100	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$9,800

- g. Non-metered hydrant connection use fee (pool filling per connection) - \$100 refundable deposit + \$75/week
- h. Hydrant use permit (non-metered connection – residential customers) - \$50
- i. Hydrant use permit fee (metered connection) - \$300
- j. Metered hydrant connection use fee (per connection) - City of Grand Rapids account holder and Non-account holder - \$500 refundable deposit + \$25/week + metered volume (commodity charges at City of Grand Rapids rate)
- k. Hydrant connection assistance requests - \$100 service fee
- l. Hydrant flow test - \$200
- m. Tapping permits (all sizes) - \$375
- n. Meter service on/off requests (normal service hours 8am-7pm M-F)

Meter Size	Fee
All Sizes	\$75
Inspections/repair scheduled on & off request (may also need meter install)	\$75

- o. Meter replacement (non-system planned/scheduled replacement) (In addition to meter installation fee)

Meter Size	Fee
¾ inch or less	\$210
1 inch	\$300
1½ inch	\$985



2 inches	\$1,155
3 inches	\$2,356
4 inches or larger	At cost
Ultrasonic Meters	At cost

- p. Final or actual meter reading - \$65
- q. Meter testing fee – paid by customer if meter is accurate, no charge if meter is faulty (In addition to Service On/Off Requests Fee)

Meter Size	Fee
¾ inch or less	\$150
1 inch	\$150
1½ inch	\$200
2 inches	\$350
3 inches	\$500
4 inches or larger	At cost
Ultrasonic Meters	At cost

- r. Meter interface unit replacement - \$200
- s. Security deposit - \$500
- t. Street opening permit - \$300
- u. Water inspection permit (within City) - \$95
- v. Water inspection permit (outside City) - \$110
- w. Sanitary Service line inspection permit (within City) - \$95
- x. Sanitary Service line inspection permit (outside City) - \$110
- y. Storm Service line inspection permit (within City) - \$95
- z. Storm Service line inspection permit (outside City) - \$110
- aa. Footing drain lateral inspection permit (within City) - \$95
- bb. Footing drain lateral inspection permit (outside City) - \$110
- cc. Sewer lateral service demolition/cap off inspection fee (within City) - \$95
- dd. Sewer lateral service demolition/cap off inspection fee (outside City) - \$110
- ee. Plumbing service re-inspection fee - \$95
- ff. Cross connection re-inspection fee - \$75
- gg. Irrigation Service Cut/Cap Administration fee - \$70
- hh. Delinquent Commercial Backflow Test fee (per device) - \$35
- ii. Customer requested onsite service - \$100
- jj. Administrative/Research fee (review or processing of account for non-payment, returned payment, shut-off, posting of property, and/or backflow non-compliance. Documentation creation for account of location information, FOIA request may still be required) – \$70
- kk. Late payment penalty – 10% of net
- ll. Missed appointment fee - \$50
- mm. Unauthorized operation, tampering, or removal of any Water or Sanitary Sewer System owned or maintained valve, asset,



infrastructure, or equipment (for example, but not limited to, valves, meters, meter reading equipment, hydrants, and curb stops and box) - \$500 plus double commodity rate for estimated volume and unbilled readiness to serve charges that may apply plus doubling of penalties for each subsequent infraction

nn. Unauthorized use or illegal connection to any Water or Sanitary Sewer System owned pipe, property and/or private plumbing system served by the Water and/or Sanitary Sewer System - \$500 plus double commodity rate for estimated volume and any unbilled readiness to serve charges that may apply plus doubling of penalties for each subsequent infraction

oo. Failure to return or return of damaged beyond repair / repairable hydrant connection equipment – Cost + 10%

pp. Repair/replace damage to fire hydrant – Cost + 10%

qq. Permit infractions/violations – \$100 plus double commodity rate for estimated volume and any unbilled readiness to serve charges that may apply plus doubling of penalties for each subsequent infraction

rr. Returned check charge - \$30

ss. Unauthorized service tap of Water or Sewer main - \$500 plus double commodity rate for estimated volume and any unbilled readiness to serve charges that may apply plus doubling of penalties for each subsequent infraction

tt. Any cost recovery due to damaged caused or undue oversight of any location, account, or infrastructure of the Water and/or Sanitary Sewer System will be charged in accordance with cost recovery methodology for time and materials, including a 10% administrative charge for processing – Cost + 10%

uu. Watermain oversizing rates

8 – 12 inches	\$40.97 per lineal foot
12 – 16 inches	\$27.75 per lineal foot
8 – 16 inches	\$68.22 per lineal foot

vv. Circuit breaker allocation

Individual Circuit Breaker (ICB)	\$233,690
City and Customer Community Circuit Breaker (CCCCB)	\$1,075,828

2. That Pursuant to Section 2.94 of Chapter 27 of the City Code, the following City sewer rates, charges and fees will be as follows:

a. Front foot rate

Domestic	\$122
Commercial	\$180

b. Integrated sewer connection fees (based on water meter size)

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## d. Monthly service charge within the City of Grand Rapids

Size of Meter	Charge
¾ inch or less	\$17.31
1 inch	\$28.03
1¼ inch	\$41.81
1½ inch	\$58.65
2 inches	\$101.52
3 inches	\$224.01
4 inches	\$395.49
6 inches or larger	\$885.45

## e. Wastewater surcharges for industrial customers

BOD	\$0.482
TSS	\$0.647
Phos	\$5.032
NH3	\$0.575

f. Significant industrial user discharge permit fee - \$1,000 plus the surcharge analytical fees

g. Industrial discharge authorization fee (one-time or short-term discharge) - \$665 plus the surcharge analytical fees

h. Surcharge analytical fees

Metals	
1 Metal	\$12.00/each
2 Metals	\$16.50 total
3 Metals	\$21.00 total
4 Metals	\$25.50 total
5 Metals	\$30.00 total
6 Metals	\$34.50 total
7 Metals	\$39.00 total
8 Metals	\$43.50 total
9 Metals	\$48.00 total
10 Metals	\$52.50 total
11 Metals	\$57.00 total



12 Metals	\$61.50 total
13 Metals	\$66.00 total
14 Metals	\$70.50 total
TSS	\$11.50/each
BOD	\$23.00/each
BOD 7	\$23.00/each
COD	\$16.50/each
Total Phosphorus	\$11.50/each
pH	\$6.00/each
EPA 624.1	\$48.00/each
EPA 625.1	\$106.00/each
BTEX/MTBE	\$48.00/each
Sulfide	\$23.00/each
Oil and Grease	\$23.00/each
Total Cyanide	\$23.00/each
Hexavalent Chromium	\$28.00/each
Fecal Coliform	\$19.00/each
Ammonia Nitrogen	\$16.50/each
Mercury (EPA 245.1 or 245.2)	\$20.00/each
Pesticides	\$64.00/each
PCBs	\$64.00/each
Phenols, Total	\$25.00/each
PFAS EPA 537 Modified (samples, duplicate and blank)	\$325.00/each
PFAS by LCMSMS (samples, duplicate and blank)	\$350.00/each
PFAS by EPA Draft Method 1633 (samples, duplicate and blank)	\$525.00/each
EPA 1666 Volatile Organics in Pharmaceuticals	\$48.00/each
EPA 524.2 Purgeable Organics	\$48.00/each
Methyl Blue Active Substances (MBAS)	\$66.00/each
Color	\$16.50/each
GC-MS Fingerprint	\$130.00/each
Labor	\$82.74/hour
Sampler	\$75.00/day
Vehicle	\$4.88/hour



Composite Labor	1.5 hours per sample
Grab Sample Labor	1.0 hours per sample

## i. Sewer lateral charges

	50 ft.	60 ft.	66 ft.	80 ft.	100 ft.
	R.O.W.	R.O.W.	R.O.W.	R.O.W.	R.O.W.
Cost for 6 inch lateral	\$3,600	\$4,200	\$4,600	\$5,500	\$6,700

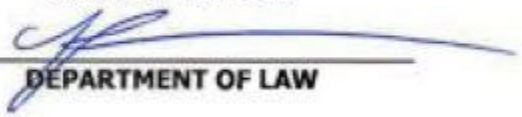
## j. Sewer oversizing rates

Description	Amount (per lineal foot)
8 – 10 inches	\$11.07
8 – 12 inches	\$20.45
8 – 15 inches	\$38.46
10 – 12 inches	\$9.38
10 – 15 inches	\$27.39
12 – 15 inches	\$18.01

## k. Footing drain disconnect opt out charge - \$76.91 per customer per month

3. That the above Water and Sewer rates, charges, and fees are approved and shall be effective January 1, 2025.

CORRECT IN FORM


  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW



**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
2024 FINAL WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY  
SUMMARY OF REVENUE REQUIREMENT CHANGES  
FOR RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

		WATER (1)		SEWER (1)	
		AMOUNT	PERCENT	AMOUNT	PERCENT
RETAIL COMMUNITIES	GRAND RAPIDS	\$ 1,387,267	4.34%	\$ 926,080	2.15%
	WALKER	226,558	5.34%	287,134	4.98%
	KENTWOOD	203,096	3.98%	261,400	4.85%
	CASCADE TWP	(377,079)	-8.61%	130,328	3.99%
	GRAND RAPIDS TWP	39,906	1.35%	158,511	5.03%
	TALLMADGE TWP	(16,548)	-3.70%	(4,518)	-0.78%
	WRIGHT TWP	N/A	N/A	9,928	3.43%
WHOLESALE COMMUNITIES	EAST GRAND RAPIDS	39,505	3.44%	55,152	4.33%
	ADA TWP	6,088	0.37%	53,573	3.35%
	OTTAWA COUNTY	14,368	0.51%	NA	NA
	GAINES TWP	N/A	N/A	14,702	6.97%
	CALEDONIA TWP	N/A	N/A	(4,495)	-1.86%
SYSTEM		\$ 1,517,161	2.80%	\$ 1,887,796	2.91%

(1) Change in revenue requirements based on revenues currently generated from rates, customer base and volumes reported in the preliminary rate study (Includes consideration for relief from CCCC.B).

**DISCLOSE RELIEF PROVIDED BY CITY & CUSTOMER COMMUNITY CIRCUIT BREAKER (CCCC.B)**

	WATER		SEWER	
	AMOUNT	PERCENT	AMOUNT	PERCENT
SYSTEM REVENUE REQUIREMENT	\$ 55,756,731	2.80%	\$ 66,702,105	2.91%
ADD: CCCC.B RELIEF	468,631	0.86%	607,197	0.94%
SYSTEM CHANGE- WITHOUT RELIEF	<u>\$ 56,215,362</u>	<u>3.66%</u>	<u>\$ 67,309,302</u>	<u>3.85%</u>

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
2024 FINAL WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY  
IMPACT OF RATE ADJUSTMENTS ON DOMESTIC USERS  
BY CUSTOMER COMMUNITY \*  
FOR RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

	<u>APPROXIMATE QUARTERLY BILL</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>GRAND RAPIDS</b>				
WATER	\$ 118.42	\$ 123.58	\$ 5.16	4.36%
SEWER	144.09	147.06	2.97	2.06%
	<u>\$ 262.51</u>	<u>\$ 270.64</u>	<u>\$ 8.13</u>	3.10%
BASE RATIO	1.00	1.00		
<b>WALKER</b>				
WATER	\$ 108.76	\$ 114.59	\$ 5.83	5.36%
SEWER	165.57	173.67	8.10	4.89%
	<u>\$ 274.33</u>	<u>\$ 288.26</u>	<u>\$ 13.93</u>	5.08%
RATIO TO GR	1.05	1.07		
<b>KENTWOOD</b>				
WATER	\$ 111.89	\$ 116.41	\$ 4.52	4.04%
SEWER	101.22	105.84	4.62	4.56%
	<u>\$ 213.11</u>	<u>\$ 222.25</u>	<u>\$ 9.14</u>	4.29%
RATIO TO GR	0.81	0.82		
<b>CASCADE TWP</b>				
WATER	\$ 160.89	\$ 146.87	\$ (14.02)	-8.71%
SEWER	194.79	202.32	7.53	3.87%
	<u>\$ 355.68</u>	<u>\$ 349.19</u>	<u>\$ (6.49)</u>	-1.82%
RATIO TO GR	1.35	1.29		
<b>GRAND RAPIDS TWP</b>				
WATER	\$ 128.34	\$ 130.05	\$ 1.71	1.33%
SEWER	157.50	165.27	7.77	4.93%
	<u>\$ 285.84</u>	<u>\$ 295.32</u>	<u>\$ 9.48</u>	3.32%
RATIO TO GR	1.09	1.09		
<b>TALLMADGE TWP</b>				
WATER	\$ 99.77	\$ 94.95	\$ (4.82)	-4.83%
SEWER	273.00	270.90	(2.10)	-0.77%
	<u>\$ 372.77</u>	<u>\$ 365.85</u>	<u>\$ (6.92)</u>	-1.86%
RATIO TO GR	1.42	1.35		

\* THE COMPARISONS ABOVE ARE BASED ON SYSTEM AVERAGE DOMESTIC CUSTOMER  
QUARTERLY CONSUMPTION OF: WATER- 32.00 UNITS OR 23,936 GALLONS  
SEWER - 21.00 UNITS OR 15,708 GALLONS  
NO. OF MONTHS: 3

**REU (RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNIT) CUSTOMER COMMUNITY- APPROXIMATE QUARTERLY BILL**

<b>WRIGHT TWP-</b>				
SEWER (No. of REU 1.00)	<u>\$ 171.24</u>	<u>\$ 177.12</u>	<u>\$ 5.88</u>	3.43%

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2024 FINAL WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY  
IMPACT OF RATE ADJUSTMENTS ON COMMERCIAL USERS  
BY CUSTOMER COMMUNITY  
FOR RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

	<u>APPROXIMATE QUARTERLY BILL</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>GRAND RAPIDS</b>				
WATER	\$ 586.79	\$ 614.87	\$ 28.08	4.79%
SEWER	977.88	1,008.21	30.33	3.10%
	<u>\$ 1,564.67</u>	<u>\$ 1,623.08</u>	<u>\$ 58.41</u>	3.73%
BASE RATIO	1.00	1.00		
<b>WALKER</b>				
WATER	\$ 494.21	\$ 521.89	\$ 27.68	5.60%
SEWER	794.40	833.85	39.45	4.97%
	<u>\$ 1,288.61</u>	<u>\$ 1,355.74</u>	<u>\$ 67.13</u>	5.21%
RATIO TO GR	0.82	0.84		
<b>KENTWOOD</b>				
WATER	\$ 479.35	\$ 498.41	\$ 19.06	3.98%
SEWER	744.99	781.59	36.60	4.91%
	<u>\$ 1,224.34</u>	<u>\$ 1,280.00</u>	<u>\$ 55.66</u>	4.55%
RATIO TO GR	0.78	0.79		
<b>CASCADE TWP</b>				
WATER	\$ 692.13	\$ 631.12	\$ (61.01)	-8.81%
SEWER	906.36	943.11	36.75	4.05%
	<u>\$ 1,598.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,574.23</u>	<u>\$ (24.26)</u>	-1.52%
RATIO TO GR	1.02	0.97		
<b>GRAND RAPIDS TWP</b>				
WATER	\$ 568.29	\$ 576.09	\$ 7.80	1.37%
SEWER	738.39	775.59	37.20	5.04%
	<u>\$ 1,306.68</u>	<u>\$ 1,351.68</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>	3.44%
RATIO TO GR	0.84	0.83		
<b>TALLMADGE TWP</b>				
WATER	\$ 594.49	\$ 570.24	\$ (24.25)	-4.08%
SEWER	1,962.06	1,946.70	(15.36)	-0.78%
	<u>\$ 2,556.55</u>	<u>\$ 2,516.94</u>	<u>\$ (39.61)</u>	-1.55%
RATIO TO GR	1.63	1.55		

\* THE COMPARISONS ABOVE ARE BASED ON SYSTEM AVERAGE COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER  
QUARTERLY CONSUMPTION OF : WATER- 14.00 UNITS OR 160,072 GALLONS  
SEWER - 04.00 UNITS OR 152,592 GALLONS  
NO. OF MONTHS: 3

**REU (RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNIT) CUSTOMER COMMUNITY- APPROXIMATE QUARTERLY BILL**

<b>WRIGHT TWP</b>				
SEWER (No. of REU 1.00)	<u>\$ 171.24</u>	<u>\$ 177.12</u>	<u>\$ 5.88</u>	3.43%

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**  
**2024 FINAL WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY**  
**WATER & SEWER RATES FOR GRAND RAPIDS & RETAIL CUSTOMER COMMUNITIES**  
**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

**WATER RATES**

	<u>METER</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>GRAND</u> <u>RAPIDS</u>	<u>WALKER</u>	<u>KENTWOOD</u>	<u>CASCADE</u>	<u>GR. RAPIDS</u> <u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TALLMADGE</u> <u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>WRIGHT</u> <u>TOWNSHIP</u>
COMMODITY CHARGE (HCF)		\$ 2.57	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.31	\$ 2.41	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.61	NA
<b>MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE BY METER SIZE</b>								
3/4" & Less	A	\$ 13.78	\$ 16.01	\$ 18.33	\$ 23.25	\$ 19.35	\$ 3.81	NA
1"	B	\$ 21.63	\$ 25.59	\$ 29.39	\$ 38.46	\$ 31.53	\$ 3.90	NA
1-1/4"	C	\$ 31.72	\$ 37.91	\$ 44.33	\$ 58.02	\$ 47.19	\$ 4.02	NA
1-1/2"	D	\$ 44.05	\$ 52.97	\$ 62.35	\$ 81.93	\$ 66.33	\$ 4.17	NA
2"	E	\$ 75.44	\$ 91.30	\$ 108.51	\$ 142.78	\$ 115.05	\$ 4.54	NA
3"	F	\$ 165.13	\$ 200.81	\$ 239.33	\$ 316.65	\$ 254.25	\$ 5.61	NA
4"	G	\$ 290.69	\$ 354.13	\$ 422.36	\$ 560.06	\$ 449.13	\$ 7.10	NA
6" & Over	H	\$ 649.45	\$ 792.17	\$ 947.35	\$ 1,255.53	\$ 1,005.93	\$ 11.37	NA

**SEWER RATES**

	<u>METER</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>GRAND</u> <u>RAPIDS</u>	<u>WALKER</u>	<u>KENTWOOD</u>	<u>CASCADE</u>	<u>GR. RAPIDS</u> <u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TALLMADGE</u> <u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>WRIGHT</u> <u>TOWNSHIP</u>
COMMODITY CHARGE (HCF)		\$ 4.53	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.55	\$ 2.94	\$ 8.84	NA
REU Charge (Monthly) *		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 59.04
<b>MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE BY METER SIZE</b>								
3/4" & Less	A	\$ 17.31	\$ 35.49	\$ 10.31	\$ 42.59	\$ 34.51	\$ 28.42	NA
1"	B	\$ 28.03	\$ 60.35	\$ 15.35	\$ 72.97	\$ 58.61	\$ 47.78	NA
1-1/4"	C	\$ 41.81	\$ 92.31	\$ 21.33	\$ 112.03	\$ 89.59	\$ 72.67	NA
1-1/2"	D	\$ 58.65	\$ 131.37	\$ 29.35	\$ 159.77	\$ 127.45	\$ 103.09	NA
2"	E	\$ 101.52	\$ 230.80	\$ 49.31	\$ 281.29	\$ 223.83	\$ 180.53	NA
3"	F	\$ 224.01	\$ 514.89	\$ 107.21	\$ 628.49	\$ 499.21	\$ 401.77	NA
4"	G	\$ 395.49	\$ 912.61	\$ 187.35	\$ 1,114.57	\$ 884.74	\$ 711.51	NA
6" & Over	H	\$ 885.45	\$ 2,048.97	\$ 418.25	\$ 2,503.37	\$ 1,986.25	\$ 1,596.49	NA

\* REU - Residential Equivalent Unit (Wright Township Only)

**FIRE PROTECTION RATES- ALL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

6"	H	\$ 22.98	10"	J	\$ 63.87
8"	I	\$ 40.76	12"	K	\$ 91.91

**NOTE** : Monthly defined as 1/12th of 365 days.

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**  
**2024 FINAL WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY**  
**IMPACT OF RATE ADJUSTMENTS ON WHOLESALE CUSTOMER COMMUNITIES**  
**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
<b>EAST GRAND RAPIDS</b>			
WATER - SERVICE (MONTHLY)	\$17,047.00	\$19,839.00	16.38%
- COMMODITY (100 CF)	\$1.31	\$1.31	0.00%
SEWER - SERVICE (MONTHLY)	\$2,184.00	\$2,104.00	-3.66%
- COMMODITY (MG)	\$2,959.00	\$3,092.00	4.49%
 <b>ADA TWP</b>			
WATER - SERVICE	\$60,124.00	\$61,151.00	1.71%
- COMMODITY	\$1.50	\$1.49	-0.67%
SEWER - SERVICE	\$40,984.00	\$41,633.00	1.58%
- COMMODITY	\$4,012.00	\$4,178.00	4.14%
 <b>OTTAWA COUNTY</b>			
WATER - SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
- COMMODITY	\$1.43	\$1.44	0.70%
 <b>GAINES TWP</b>			
SEWER - SERVICE	\$1,619.00	\$1,759.00	8.65%
- COMMODITY	\$2,574.00	\$2,749.00	6.80%
 <b>CALEDONIA TWP</b>			
SEWER - SERVICE	\$728.00	\$743.00	2.06%
- COMMODITY	\$7,618.00	\$7,465.00	-2.01%

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# MEMORANDUM



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

**TO:** City of Grand Rapids Mayor and City Commissioners

**FROM:** Tai Verbrugge, Utility Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:** **2024 Rate Study – City of Grand Rapids 20-day Public Comment Period Comments**

During the 2024 Water and Sewer Rate Study comment period, the City of Grand Rapids did not receive any direct communications from the public. However, during tabling events held four times throughout the public comment period, feedback was collected from nine (9) individuals.

Of the nine people that I spoke with, three were opposed to any rate increases. Reasons for this disapproval included the hardships caused by general inflation across the board, and the feeling that other communities are not paying their fair share. Three respondents expressed their approval of the proposed rates once I explained the primary drivers behind the changes; all three believed that investments in replacing lead pipes are worth the additional costs. The final three residents only asked questions about the utility systems and the rate-setting process, but did not offer any opinions or comments.

As indicated at the Committee of the Whole Preliminary Rate Study Presentation on November 12, 2024, all public comments received will be reviewed by staff and considered as part of the FY2026 budget planning process.