### **PORTLAND WATER BUREAU**

#### WE SERVE EXCELLENT WATER EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY



#### WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

May 15, 2019



## Water Revenues – FY 2019-20



### **Rate Summary for Fiscal Year 2019–20**

- Retail water rate increase 7.4%
  - as directed by Commissioner Fritz
  - in line with 5-year forecast
- System Development Charges 9.1% increase
  - driven by increased water system value from continued infrastructure investment
- Fixed fees and charges
  - Installations of services, mains, hydrants, and other development fees
  - calculated based on cost-of-service principles



#### How will rate changes affect typical customer bills?

	Typical monthly use (ccf)	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	Change
Typical residential customers	5	\$39.24	\$42.14	\$2.90
Qualifying low-income residential customers	5	\$19.62	\$21.08	\$1.46
Qualifying extremely low- income residential customers	5	\$7.86	\$8.44	\$0.58
Medium-sized commercial customers	100	\$533.37	\$572.85	\$39.48



## **1.4 Gallons of Water for a Penny**





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# **Portland water bills represent 7% of the typical monthly utility services for residential customers.**



Solid Waste & Recycling –35-gallon cart, bi-weekly outside pickup | Telephone –With calling features such as caller ID, call waiting, voicemail, and unlimited national-wide calling | Water –Typical single family using 5 ccf per month | Natural Gas –Average Oregon residential customer using 55 therms per month | Sanitary Sewer & Stormwater –Average single family | Internet Service –Download speed at up to 60 MBps including modem | Cable TV –Digital starter with HD receiver equipment | Cell Phone –Family plan, 2 lines, unlimited talk and text, 3 GB shared data | Electricity –Average residential customer using 900kWh per month



#### How do Portland's FY 2019-20 water rates compare?



most recent prior year



Based on proposed rates to be effective July 1, 2019, if available; otherwise based on current rates. Water bills are calculated based on typical or average usage for each water provider.

## **Current Rate Increase and Forecast**



# How do Portland's System Development Charges compare?



Proposed rate for Portland effective FY 2019-20. All others based on current rates unless proposed rate available.



## **Assistance Programs**

- Qualifying low-income customers receive a discount of \$21.07 per month as of FY 2019-20.
- Qualifying extremely low-income customers receive a discount of \$33.70 per month as of FY 2019-20
- Approximately 7,000 current program participants
- Program also includes:
  - Crisis voucher of \$500
  - Multi-family crisis assistance

