



WATER/SEWER COMMUNITY SYSTEM RESIDENTIAL RATE INCREASE

DATE: June 2, 2025

PABLO –The Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority Water and Sewer Department hereby announces that, effective **July 1, 2025**, the **monthly residential rate** will be increased to \$40, for Water or Sewer services. For residents who utilize both water and sewer services, the total monthly rate will amount to \$80.

The Housing Authority is responsible for the operation of 42 water and wastewater systems across the Reservation, ensuring that all residents have access to these vital resources. Since 2020, we have not implemented any increases in our residential or commercial rates. Consequently, revenue generated from these customers has stagnated, which stands in contrast to the increasing costs associated with providing safe and reliable water and sewer services. Regrettably, our department relies solely on user fees for operational funding and does not receive financial assistance from outside sources for the repair and maintenance of our systems, leading to a persistent annual deficit.

On May 27, 2025, we met with the Tribal Council to discuss the necessity of a rate increase aimed at sustaining the delivery of water and sewer services. The proposed rates were presented to the Council, who subsequently approved the following: \$40 for water, \$40 for sewer, and \$80 for both services combined for all residential customers. The rates for commercial customers will be addressed in future discussions.

While we understand that any increase in expenses can be burdensome for our community, it is crucial to recognize that the cost of delivering safe drinking water and effectively managing wastewater has risen significantly. The Water and Sewer Office is committed to providing the highest quality of service, and we deeply appreciate your understanding and continued support as we navigate these necessary adjustments to maintain the integrity and safety of our systems. Your cooperation is invaluable as we work diligently to ensure that all residents have access to reliable water and sewer services.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your account, please contact the Water/Sewer Department at the below address

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