

**Christine Salseina**

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**CITY COUNCIL  
LATE MATERIALS**

**From:** Eron Berg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 08, 2016 8:14 AM  
**To:** Christine Salseina  
**Cc:** Keith Wagoner  
**Subject:** FW: Increase to Utility Rates

Christine,

Would you please provide to the city council for tonight's public hearings?

Thanks,

Eron

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**From:** Eron Berg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 08, 2016 8:13 AM  
**To:** 'georgia lauder'  
**Subject:** RE: Increase to Utility Rates

Hello Mrs. Lauder,

I will make sure to share your email with the city council. Also, if you are eligible for reduced property taxes from Skagit County, you are also eligible for reduced utility rates from Sedro-Woolley. The following table shows the 2016 rates; note that the senior/low income rates are significantly lower than the regular rates. The city council has not raised the rates for eligible senior/disabled/low income for many years.

**REGULAR RATES:**

<b>Utility Billing Rates</b>	<b>20 Gallon</b>	<b>32 Gallon</b>	<b>68 Gallon</b>	<b>96 Gallon</b>
<b>(Monthly Bill- Weekly Pickup)</b>				
Sewer	57.46	57.46	57.46	57.46
Garbage	9.00	17.02	24.67	32.95
Recycling	2.69	2.69	2.69	2.69
Stormwater	5.67	5.67	5.67	5.67
Fuel Charge	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Utility Tax (.075%)	5.69	6.29	6.86	7.48
<b>TOTAL PER MONTH</b>	<b>81.51</b>	<b>90.13</b>	<b>98.35</b>	<b>107.25</b>

**LOW INCOME:**

**20 gallon                      32 gallon                      68 gallon                      96 gallon**

<b>Sewer</b>	39.75	39.75	39.75	80%
<b>Garbage</b>	7.20	13.62	19.74	<b>Of applicable</b>
<b>Recycling</b>	2.69	2.69	2.69	<b>residential rate</b>
<b>Storm water</b>	4.54	4.54	4.54	
<b>Fuel</b>	1.00	1.00	1.00	
<b>Tax (.075%)</b>	4.14	4.62	5.08	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$59.32	<b>\$66.22</b>	<b>\$72.80</b>	

A better copy of this table is located here: [http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/Finance/documents/UB/2016 Residential Utility Billing Rates.pdf](http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/Finance/documents/UB/2016%20Residential%20Utility%20Billing%20Rates.pdf)

Please contact Serena at city hall (855-0929) to find out if you are eligible and if so, to sign up.

Thanks,

Eron Berg

-----Original Message-----

From: georgia lauder [mailto:[scooterabove40@yahoo.com](mailto:scooterabove40@yahoo.com)]

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 7:29 PM

To: Eron Berg

Subject: Increase to Utility Rates

I am writing in regards to the potential increases in utility rates.

Please take into consideration, last year when rates were increased our senior citizens received no increase in social security benefits, for next year most will get less than \$5.00 per month, with their medical and prescription cost going up.

My husband is one of those senior citizens, however I still work to keep the heat on but have had to take a 60% reduction in wages with an increase of 45% in medical premiums.

Maybe more people need to be paying their fair share.

Georgia Lauder