

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 3.11.100 OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY CULINARY WATER UTILITY FEES.

**WHEREAS**, the South Salt Lake City Council (the "City Council") is authorized to enact and amend ordinances establishing regulations related to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of South Salt Lake (the "City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City engaged a consultant to conduct a study of the City's culinary water utility fees in order to determine how to provide sufficient revenue to operate and maintain the City's water infrastructure, develop proportional and cost-based rates that reflect customer and system characteristics, reflect prudent financial planning criteria including funding renewal and replacement needs, maintain target minimum reserve levels, and meet debt service coverage requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's consultant studied key issues such as how to adequately fund annual operating expenses, provide sufficient annual renewal and replacement funding, cost-based proportional rates, and annual rate adjustments are necessary over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's consultant reviewed and analyzed the key issues using accepted responsible methodology; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2025, the City's consultant presented the results of the study to the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2025, the Council considered the results of the study and the City's needs in a work study and in its regular meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that, after a review and assessment of the City's costs and needs, the City's consolidated fee schedule, codified in South Salt Lake Municipal Code 3.11.100, should be updated to reflect the current economic status of the City's services and costs in maintenance and administration of its utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby determines that amending section 3.11.100 of the South Salt Lake Municipal Code to modify utilities fees as shown in "Exhibit A," which is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of South Salt Lake City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of South Salt Lake as follows:

**SECTION 1. Enactment.** Section 3.11.100 is hereby amended, as attached hereto and incorporated by reference in "Exhibit A."

**SECTION 2. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. Conflict with Existing Ordinances, Resolutions, or Policies.** To the extent that any ordinances, resolutions, or policies of the City of South Salt Lake conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, this ordinance shall prevail.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature and publication, or after fifteen days of transmission to the office of the Mayor if neither approved nor disapproved by the Mayor, and thereafter, publication.

[signatures appear on next page; remainder of page intentionally left blank]

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Corey Thomas  
Sharla Bynum, Council Chair  
Corey Thomas

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

SARA RAMIREZ, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Huff	<u>YES</u>
Thomas	<u>YES</u>
Bynum	<u>YES</u>
Mitchell	<u>YES</u>
Sanchez	<u>ABSENT</u>
deWolfe	<u>YES</u>
Williams	<u>YES</u>



Transmitted to the Mayor's office on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

[Signature]  
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder SARA RAMIREZ, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

MAYOR'S ACTION: Approve

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Cherie Wood  
Cherie Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

**Exhibit A: (Presented as Alternative 2 Rate Design)**

**3.11.100 Utilities.**

**A. Water.**

<b>Culinary water</b>	
Meter size (5,000-gallon allowance for all meters)	Minimum monthly fee
–0.75" meter	\$15.00
–1" meter	\$23.00
–1.5"	\$36.00
–2" meter	\$51.00
–3" meter	\$93.00
–4" meter	\$140.00
–6" meter	\$271.00
–Metered hydrant use	\$91.00
Excess water (all meter sizes and uses)	
–Usage between 5,000 and 30,000 gal.	\$4.25 per 1,000 gallons
–Usage greater than 30,000 gal.	\$4.75 per 1,000 gallons

<b>Culinary Water – Minimum Monthly Fee</b>					
<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>2026-2027</b>	<b>2027-2028</b>	<b>2028-2029</b>	<b>2029-2030</b>
0.75" meter	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.60	\$22.79	\$24.04
1" meter	\$25.05	\$30.06	\$36.07	\$38.06	\$40.15
1.5"	\$49.95	\$59.94	\$71.93	\$75.89	\$80.05
2" meter	\$79.95	\$95.94	\$115.13	\$121.47	\$128.13
3" meter	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$216.00	\$227.90	\$240.40
4" meter	\$250.05	\$300.06	\$360.07	\$379.91	\$400.75
6" meter	\$499.95	\$599.94	\$719.93	\$759.59	\$801.25
8" meter	\$799.95	\$959.94	\$1,151.93	\$1,215.39	\$1,282.05

<b>Consumption Charge – Residential* (cost per 1,000 gallons)</b>					
<u>Usage</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>	<u>2028-2029</u>	<u>2029-2030</u>
0-5,000 gallons	\$1.15	\$1.40	\$1.70	\$1.80	\$1.90
5,000 – 15,000 gallons	\$4.95	\$5.95	\$7.15	\$7.55	\$7.95
Over 15,000 gallons	\$5.45	\$6.55	\$7.85	\$8.30	\$8.75

\* Effective January 1, 2026. Prior to January 1, 2026, all residential customer consumption charges shall be calculated at the rates in effect June 11, 2025.

<b>Consumption Charge – Non Residential (cost per 1,000 gallons)</b>					
<u>Usage</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>	<u>2028-2029</u>	<u>2029-2030</u>
0-30,000 gallons	\$3.25	\$3.90	\$4.70	\$4.95	\$5.20
30,000 – 125,000 gallons	\$5.20	\$6.25	\$7.50	\$7.90	\$8.35
Over 125,000 gallons	\$5.75	\$6.90	\$8.30	\$8.75	\$9.25

<b>Storm water utility fee</b>	
<b>Per equivalent residential unit</b>	\$6/month

<b>Fire line</b>	
3" line	\$13.65/month
4" line	\$18.15/month
6" line	\$27.22/month
8" line	\$36.29/month
10" line	\$45.36/month
12" line	\$54.44/month
16" line	\$72.58/month
22" line	\$99.80/month
36" line	\$163.31/month
Tampered fire line fee	\$100.00

Inspection of new fire line installation	\$50.00
Fire flow test	\$175.00

<b>Other fees</b>	
Reconnection and new service reconnection	
Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	\$25.00
Monday—Friday after 3:00 p.m.; any time on weekends or holidays	\$65.00
Tenant water deposit	\$75.00 or 60-day usage, whichever is greater
Active deployment fee waiver	\$75.00/month waived
Bankruptcy deposits (based on prior 12 months' history)	60-day usage
Service of disconnection notice w/in 12 months of prior notice	\$15.00

**B. Sewer and Industrial Waste.**

User fee (all users)	Base fee
Base User Fee (calculated using average winter water usage or actual usage, whichever is greater)*	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons
Beginning July 1, 2020, Base User Fee (calculated using average winter water usage or actual usage, whichever is greater)*	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons

\* New residential accounts are charged based on actual usage or for five thousand (5,000) gallons per unit per month until an average winter water usage amount is determined, whichever is greater. New accounts for multi-family residential dwellings are calculated using previous average winter water usage or five thousand (5,000) gallons per unit per month, whichever is greater. New business accounts are charged based on the average winter consumption for the previous business or the actual monthly consumption if the business type has changed, until a winter average history can be obtained. Average winter water usage may be prospectively adjusted during the year if the customer provides proof of leakage, repair, and data supporting lower water usage.

**C. Industrial Waste Fee.**

Additional fees for industrial waste:

Sewer connections, which are included in the categories below, will be subject to an industrial waste fee based on a strength multiplier. The base user fee will be multiplied by the following multiplier based on category:

Large grocery stores with meat/bakery functions	1.22
Nursing homes/care centers	1.23
Restaurants/fast food/food preparation facilities	1.34

**D. High Strength Contributors Fee.**

Certain connections are considered high strength contributors and will be assessed a strength component based on individual samples and the information below:

<b>Additional fees for industrial waste</b>	
Total suspended solids (TSS)	$(\text{Sample in mg/l} - 250) \times 8.34 \times (\text{sewer average in thousands of gals./1,000,000}) \times (\text{rate assessed by Central Valley})$
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	$(\text{Sample in mg/l} - 200) \times 8.34 \times (\text{sewer average in thousands of gallons/1,000,000}) \times (\text{rate assessed by Central Valley})$
* Classification and frequency of sampling is determined by the City.	

E. Cost Recovery Fees.

Sample costs	As per cost to City
Labor charge	
Composite	\$154.00/sample
Grab	\$77.00/sample

F. Household Waste and Recyclable Waste Containers.

Residential service (including one waste container, one recyclable)	\$14.00/month
Additional waste container (waste or recycling)	\$14.00/month per additional can
New can delivery fee/redelivery fee after nonpayment	\$25.00/trip
Late payment fee	\$10.00
Special permit inspection fee	\$25.00
Glass recycling fee	\$8.00 per customer per month
Glass recycling container fee, initial service or reinstatement	\$25.00