

# City of Silver Lake

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## Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer Rate Information

The City of Silver Lake has hired Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., a construction engineering company, to assess the City's numerous infrastructure needs, make recommendations on project priorities and assist in the application process for funding through the USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant program. In order to receive the highest amount of grant money, utility rates need to be increased to an affordability rate that is determined by the federal program.

After months of discussion and reviewing various options, the City adjusted the rates on November 18, 2019. The City understands that any amount of increase affects everyone and did not take the decision to adjust rates lightly. The City is incurring expenses on the project prior to receiving the loan and grant money and will use the current rate increase to help pay for those expenses.

Effective January 1, 2020, Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer rates were increased to the rates listed below:

Water Base	\$14.00
Water Usage (per 1,000 gals.)	\$8.50
Sewer Base	\$14.00
Sewer Usage (per 1,000 gals.)	\$10.50
Storm Sewer (single family residential)	\$4.00

**Note:** Revenue from water, sewer and storm sewer charges are allocated to special revenue funds and those funds are only spent on related expenses.

The infrastructure needs within the City are immense and the list of potential projects are listed below. By completing these infrastructure improvements, the City intends to deliver better quality services to its residents and to rebuild the City for years to come.

- Water tower replacement
- Water treatment facility
- Wastewater collection systems
- Wastewater treatment and lift stations
- Water distribution systems
- Stormwater management infrastructure
- Street replacements and/or rehabilitation

The City of Silver Lake apologizes for not doing more to inform the residents of the rate increases and will improve its communication efforts in the future. For future information on the project, please look to your utility statements for future notices.

(Utility Rate Comparisons on reverse side)

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## Utility Rate Comparisons

City	Pop.	Water		Sewer		Average User Charge*
		Base	Usage per 1,000 gal.	Base	Usage per 1,000 gal.	
Bird Island	989	\$30.00	\$6.26	\$14.00	\$4.26	\$86.08
Brownton	717	\$15.00	\$4.30	\$21.20	\$10.10	\$93.80
Buffalo Lake	674	\$10.00	\$6.85	\$20.15	\$0.00	\$57.55
Cokato	2762	\$27.00	\$4.68	\$16.50	\$6.00	\$86.22
Cosmos	455	\$22.00	\$10.25	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$83.60
Dassel	1470	\$17.75	\$9.00	\$22.00	\$6.80	\$102.95
Elysian	712	\$17.00	\$4.50	\$20.50	\$7.00	\$83.50
Grove City	620	\$30.00	\$6.60	\$26.50	\$6.60	\$109.30
Holdingford	717	\$28.00	\$8.00	\$17.00	\$11.00	\$98.20
Howard Lake	2082	\$26.88	\$4.26	\$30.87	\$8.87	\$110.27
Kimball	795	\$29.50	\$5.00	\$31.00	\$5.00	\$90.50
Lester Prairie	1705	\$16.75	\$3.50	\$39.25	\$8.00	\$102.00
New Germany	455	\$43.80	\$17.52	\$41.70	\$17.86	\$191.64
Stewart	544	\$38.18	\$10.00	\$38.25	\$1.60	\$98.35
Walnut Grove	818	\$13.00	\$6.40	\$19.00	\$8.15	\$90.20
Waverly	1528	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$100.00
<b>Average for Cities =</b>						<b>\$99.01</b>
Silver Lake	807	\$14.00	\$8.50	\$14.00	\$10.50	\$104.00

\*Average User Charge is for 4,000 gallons per monthly billing.