



July 3, 2025

In Spring, 2025, then City Administrator David Cameron sent a memo to the City of Republic’s utility customers describing upcoming Water Rate increases approved by the City Council and a recap of previously approved Wastewater Rate increases. Unfortunately, the Wastewater Rate Recap section of that memo was incorrect.

As a summary - in February 2024, a Public Hearing was held regarding an increase in Wastewater Rates necessary to generate enough cashflow to service \$50 million in SRF debt, which was needed to complete the Wastewater Project. The City Council then approved the new proposed Wastewater Rate Structure on February 20, 2024, in Ordinance 24-08.

- Unfortunately, those new approved rates did not make it into the City’s Fee Schedule, which is tied to the City’s Utility Billing process.
- Therefore, for the past two months, the City billed your Wastewater service at the wrong, but lower, rate.
- That has now been corrected and going forward you will be charged at the Wastewater Rates approved by the City Council in February 2024. Below is a chart showing the incorrect (old) and corrected Wastewater Rates.
- This was our mistake, and therefore, the City will absorb the lost revenue associated with the bills sent at the lower incorrect rate, i.e., no adjustments will be made to customer bills already sent.

New Wastewater Rate Structure, as approved by City Council on February 20, 2024, via City Ordinance 24-08

	2025		2026		2027	
	<u>Old</u> ¹	<u>Corrected</u> ²	<u>Old</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
Base Charge ³						
Inside City Limits	\$28.19	\$31.68	\$29.60	\$36.75	\$31.08	\$42.26
Outside City Limits	\$42.28	\$47.52	\$44.40	\$55.12	\$46.62	\$63.39
Surcharge ⁴						
Inside City Limits	\$16.75	\$18.82	\$17.59	\$21.83	\$18.46	\$25.11
Outside City Limits	\$25.14	\$28.26	\$26.40	\$32.78	\$27.72	\$37.70

¹ Old wastewater rates approved by the City Council on October 18, 2022.

² Corrected wastewater rates approved by the City Council on February 20, 2024.

³ Base Charge = Flat fee for the first 1,500 gallons used during a billing cycle.

⁴ Surcharge = Fee per 1,000 gallons in excess of the first 1,500 gallons used during a billing cycle.

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused you, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best regards,

Bob Ford | Chief Financial Officer