# **Policies Regarding Utilities Charges**

## What Charges Make Up My Utility Bill?

**Water** - Billing for water is charged a base rate plus an amount for water used as measured by the water meter. Any meter which is turned on is charged the base rate for that sized meter plus the charge for the actual amount of water used. Anyone temporarily not requiring service may have their water shut off at the meter and then the basic fee will not be charged. If water is turned on and available to the user there will be at least the basic fee charged for the hook-up.

**Sewer -** The monthly fee charged for sewer is similar to the water fee but it is computed once a year and stays at that amount through the year. There is a base fee based on the size of water meter plus a per-thousand gallon of water fee that is computed based on the average water usage during the winter months when it is assumed no outside watering is taking place and essentially all the water metered is going into the sewer. In addition there may be a pretreatment fee if the user's sewer flow has the potential for pollution that requires them to be regulated.

#### **Trash Collection -**

- Residential The basic monthly fee is charged per household unit. The charge is one fee per home in the case of single family residences, two collection fees for duplexes including homes accommodating two families such as is the case with an authorized "accessory dwelling unit", and per household unit for multiple family dwellings such as four-plexes. Housing areas with three or more housing units per building will normally be serviced with dumpster containers but they will still be charged per household unit. Each residence must have access to at least one trash container. Trash collection charges can be eliminated for periods when there are temporary vacancies in single family homes but only if the owner requests such by signing a form from the city prior to the planned vacancy. Trash collection is suspended during that time and when resumed the charges are reinstated. No credit is given for temporary vacancies in multiple family housing units.
- Commercial Trash collection for commercial is established by the size of container and the frequency of collection. Each business must have access to at least one container. Multiple businesses in a common building may elect to have only one trash service and share the cost but in this case each business is charged at least the base fee per business, a fee charged to North Logan City by Logan City for trash collection services.

#### **Dispatch Fee -**

- Residential The basic monthly \$2.00 fee charged is per household unit. The charge is one fee per home in the case of single family residences, two fees for duplexes or homes accommodating two families such as authorized houses with an "accessory dwelling unit", and per household unit for multiple family dwellings or mobile home parks. The number of telephone lines into the residence is not a consideration for charging this fee.
- Commercial The monthly \$2.00 fee will be charged per business. Multiple businesses in the same building will each be charged the dispatch fee. Those businesses which share a utility bill because of common water meter and common sewer hook-up will be charged for multiple dispatch fees on the single, shared billing. Single businesses with multiple water and/or sewer connections will only be charged one monthly dispatch fee. The number of telephone lines into the business is not a consideration for charging this fee.

### Stormwater Fee -

- Residential The basic monthly \$3.50 fee charged is per household unit or \$2.00 per unit for multiple housing units. This fee is charged by the city to provide funds necessary to meet demands placed on the city by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Utah due to the fact that we have a permit to discharge stormwater into the "Waters of the United States" (i.e. the canals and eventually the Bear River). These funds are used to maintain the stormwater system, acquire new land for water retention areas, sweep the streets to keep debris from entering into the canals, and a variety of other things we are required to do by these new environmental laws under the Clean Water Act.
- Commercial The monthly \$2.25 fee per each 4,700 square feet of impervious surfaces found on the property of the business. The area of the parking lot, the rooftop area of any buildings, etc. are computed and the monthly fee is assessed based on that information.

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