

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items March 18, 2014

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- [Public Hearing](#) and action on proposed Stormwater Management Plan
- [Action](#) on contract for City Hall expansion design services
- [Action](#) on contract for 15th St. and Ave. D Roundabout project construction
- [Action](#) on contract for 15th St. and Ave. D Roundabout project management
- [Discussion](#) regarding 15th St. and Ave. D Roundabout project & traffic management

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2014 Calendar:

City Council

Tuesday, March 18
Regular Meeting – 7 pm
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/03182014-409>

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 19
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D – 7 pm

Planning Commission Public Hearing

As directed by the City Council, the Planning Commission has been studying the issue of “group quarters” for a number of meetings. On Wednesday, March 19, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a draft ordinance that is intended to address the issues while upholding other identified priorities and legal mandates. The agenda, including a staff report and the draft ordinance may be found in the Agenda Center on the City’s website at <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/agendacenter>. If you have an interest in this issue, you are encouraged to attend and provide comment on the proposal. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the George Gilbertson Boardroom at the Snohomish School District Resource Center, 1601 Avenue D. If you have any questions, please contact Planning Director Owen Dennison at (360) 282-3173 or by email at dennison@snohomishwa.gov.

The use of property in the City is regulated by the zoning code, which is Title 14 of the Snohomish Municipal Code. Most basically, zoning identifies what land uses are permitted to occur in certain areas of the City. These areas are referred to as zones or land use designations. Every portion of the City is designated for a certain combination of land uses, which may include various types of residential, commercial, industrial, and public uses. The intent of zoning is to achieve compatibility among land uses, to allow a range of residential, retail, and employment uses Citywide, to provide certainty to encourage continued investment in property, and to implement the City Council’s vision for the future of the City. This future vision is expressed in the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning regulations also specify development standards such as building height, setbacks from property lines, number of parking spaces required, landscaping, and other issues related to establishing or changing land uses. Zoning designations and regulations are amended by the City Council over time to stay current with the changing circumstances and values of the community.

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The Single Family zone comprises most of the area of the City. This zone is primarily intended to encourage and preserve single-family neighborhoods. In addition to single-family homes, certain other types of uses that are or have been expected to be compatible with single-family neighborhoods are permitted or conditionally permitted. In response to a citizen request, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to review the uses currently permitted in Single Family zones. The particular focus is on “group quarters” uses. These are residential uses where unrelated persons live in one household or “dwelling unit” either for convenience or for services provided to assist them in their daily activities. Examples of the latter include nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Currently, the City does not regulate the number of persons who may occupy group quarters uses. The concern expressed by members of the community is that this lack of scale restriction may lead to incompatibilities that could disrupt single-family neighborhoods.

RATE CHANGE NOTICE

WHY ARE THE RATES INCREASING?

Effective April 1, 2014 utility rates for the City of Snohomish will increase. The increases, in part, are necessary to ensure the City has sufficient resources for operations, emergency reserves, and infrastructure maintenance.

The overriding pressure for the rate increases in the past has been the agreement with the State enforcing improvements to the City’s wastewater treatment process. After years of investigating options for the most cost-effective solution, the City was able to amend the order with the Department of Ecology. This amendment provided that the City would no longer be required to construct pipeline to Everett for treatment of the City sewage. This is good news for the citizens, Council approved **no rate increase for wastewater** for the years of 2014-2016.

However, the City’s Utility Capital Project Fund also supports costs for the acquisition, construction, and improvement to major City Water and Storm Drainage infrastructure in addition to Wastewater. The City is tasked with determining whether to continue to stay in the water business or if it is more cost effective to buy all of the City water from Everett. Due to recent analysis, Council approved **a 5% increase to water rates** for the years of 2014-2016.

In addition, Stormwater management has taken center stage in the focus of regulating agencies, and the City will be concentrating more resources in the future towards effectively planning for and operating this effort as well as the ongoing operations of this utility. Council has approved **a 7.1% increase to stormwater rates** for the years of 2014-2016.

The City also makes repairs and performs maintenance as regular operating expenditures. Fund resources are provided by beginning fund balance, grants, interest income, and customer rates. The following is a summary listing of Capital Projects and costs for the period **2014-2020**.

2014-2020 Utility Capital Projects Fund

Water Treatment-Infrastructure Maintenance	\$1,950,000
Water Distribution-Infrastructure Maintenance	2,050,000
Total Water	\$4,902,000
Treatment/Collection –Infrastructure Maintenance	11,945,000
CSO Construction	2,400,000
Total Wastewater	\$12,295,000
Stormwater-Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance	2,100,000
Blackmans Lake Improvements	500,000
Total Stormwater	\$2,600,000

City of Snohomish Notice of 2014 Utility Rates

2014 Water Rates - BI-MONTHLY

Service	Included	2013	Included	2014
Meter Size	Units	Rate	Units	Rate
5/8"	4	\$42.92	4	\$45.06
5/8" low Income Senior	8	\$10.74	8	\$11.28
1"	10	\$109.86	10	\$115.34
1 1/2"	23	\$247.22	23	\$259.58
2"	41	\$439.54	41	\$461.50
3"	92	\$988.80	92	\$1,038.24
4"	164	\$1,757.80	164	\$1,845.68
Non-metered		\$102.54		\$107.66
Consumption over the included units "overage"		\$3.96		\$4.16

Service Rate Outside City Limits at 150%

How are the water rates increasing?

The base rate increases depending on meter size. The bi-monthly unit allowance as shown for 2013 remains the same in 2014. A unit is one hundred cubic feet (ccf) or 748 gallons. The rate for units over the allowance increases from \$3.96 to \$4.16 per unit.

2014 Wastewater Rates - BI-MONTHLY

Service	Included	2013	Included	2014
Meter Size	Units	Rate	Units	Rate
5/8"	4	\$139.98	4	\$139.98
5/8" low Income Senior	8	\$35.00	8	\$35.00
1"	10	\$358.36	10	\$358.36
1 1/2"	23	\$806.16	23	\$806.16
2"	41	\$1,433.40	41	\$1,433.40
3"	92	\$3,224.98	92	\$3,224.98
4"	164	\$5,733.22	164	\$5,733.22
Non-metered		\$280.72		\$280.72
Consumption over the included units "overage"		\$5.90		\$5.90

Service Rate Outside City Limits at 150%

How are the wastewater rates increasing?

The base rate and bi-monthly unit allowance will remain the same in 2014. A unit is one hundred cubic feet (ccf) or 748 gallons. The rate for units over the allowance remains the same at \$5.90 per unit.

2014 Stormwater Rates - BI-MONTHLY

		2013		2014
	Units	Rate		Rate
Non Senior	ERU ¹	23.44		25.10
Low Income Senior	ERU ¹	5.86		6.27
Other	ISU ²	23.44		25.10

¹Equivalent Residential Unit-Flat Rate

²Impervious Surface Unit = Total Impervious Surface SF divided by (/) 2,500 Times (*) ERU rate = Monthly Charge

How are the Stormwater rates increasing?

The flat rate charge increases from \$23.44 for the 2 month billing period (bi-monthly) to \$25.10. The senior rate increases from \$5.86 to \$6.27 every 2 months.

Low-Income Water and Sanitary Sewer Senior Citizen and Disabled Rates. Low-income senior citizens or low-income disabled persons who are utility customers shall be eligible to apply for water and wastewater services at one-quarter of the monthly minimum charges and full charges for all overage consumption. Call (360) 568-3115 or visit the City's website at www.SnohomishWA.gov for further information. The reduced rate shall apply only to 5/8-inch single-family residential services.

Wastewater Winter Average Charges. All metered wastewater accounts will have wastewater overage charges for the two summer billing cycles based on either their winter average consumption or current period consumption. There is no longer a maximum credit amount.

The rates are effective April 1, 2014, for accounts in routes **01 through 08 (cycle 1)** and will appear on the **April 30, 2014, invoice**. The rates are effective April 1, 2014 for accounts in routes **09 through 17 (cycle 2)** and will appear on the **May 31, 2014 invoice**.

The due date of your utility invoice will be the 20th of the month.

(example: Invoice dated April 30, 2014, will have a due date of May 20, 2014)

Currently the City has a contract with Allied Waste (Republic Services) for solid waste collection and disposal. The Council approved the six-year contract which began April 2011. The contract allows for yearly rate increases based on the refuse rate index (RRI). The following are the rates for solid waste collection, disposal, and recycling effective April 1, 2014 and billed bi-monthly.

Code	Description	Bill	Code	Description	Bill
GI01	One 20 gal can weekly	\$24.34	GI39	Commercial 15-32 gal cans	\$572.84
GI02	One 32 gal can weekly	\$29.89	GI41	Commercial one 32 gal can weekly	\$36.84
GI03	Two 32 gal cans weekly	\$43.06	GI42	Commercial two 32 gal cans weekly	\$75.24
GI04	Three 32 gal cans weekly	\$55.58	GI43	Commercial three 32 gal cans weekly	\$113.52
GI05	Four 32 gal cans weekly	\$64.54	GI44	Commercial four 32 gal cans weekly	\$151.74
GI06	Six 32 gal cans weekly	\$90.68	GI45	Commercial five 32 gal cans weekly	\$190.02
GI07	One 32 gal tote weekly	\$34.30	GI46	Commercial six 32 gal cans weekly	\$228.30
GI08	One 64 gal cart weekly	\$52.28	GI47	Commercial nine 32 gal cans weekly	\$343.14
GI09	Two 64 gal carts weekly	\$74.96	GI48	Commercial ten 32 gal cans weekly	\$381.42
GI10	Senior one 20 gal can weekly	\$12.06	GI49	Commercial twelve 32 gal cans	\$457.98
GI11	Senior one 32 gal can weekly	\$14.80	GI51	2 yard container twice weekly	\$588.13
GI12	Senior two 32 gal cans weekly	\$21.32	GI53	3 yard container twice weekly	\$786.48
GI13	One 32 gal can monthly	\$21.54	GI54	4 yard container twice weekly	\$946.49
GI14	Senior one 32 gal can monthly	\$10.78	GI56	6 yard container twice weekly	\$1,241.91
GI15	Five 32 gal cans weekly	\$76.60	GI57	8 yard container twice weekly	\$1,537.37
GI16	One 90 gal tote weekly	\$73.54	GI58	8 yard container three weekly	\$2,377.38
GI20	1 yard dumpster	\$181.10	GI59	6 yard container three times weekly	\$1,920.48
GI21	1.25 yard dumpster	\$205.08	GI60	3 yard three times weekly	\$1,216.20
GI22	1.5 yard dumpster	\$247.84	GI61	4 yard three times weekly	\$1,463.64
GI23	2 yard dumpster	\$303.16	GI62	Two commercial 64 gal carts	\$142.04
GI24	3 yard dumpster	\$405.40	GI64	Four residential 64 gal tote	\$149.92
GI25	4 yard dumpster	\$487.88	GI99	Garbage inactive	\$0.00
GI27	6 yard dumpster	\$640.16	GO99	Garbage - outside	\$0.00
GI28	8 yard dumpster	\$792.46	PI01	Oversize container surcharge	\$20.06
GI29	4 yard compactor	\$1,532.04	RI01	Recycle & yard debris	\$32.92
GI30	1 yard dumpster	\$181.10	RI02	Recycle w/ extra yard tote	\$46.18
GI31	1.5 yard dumpster	\$247.84	RI03	Recycle w/ two extra yard totes	\$59.44
GI32	2 yard dumpster	\$303.16	RI04	Recycle w/ 3 extra yard totes	\$72.70
GI33	3 yard dumpster	\$405.40	RI05	Recycle w/ 4 extra yard waste	\$85.96
GI34	4 yard dumpster	\$487.88	RI10	Recycle multi-family	\$12.96
GI35	Commercial 64 gal cart	\$71.02	Ri11	Recycle only, yard waste opt	\$13.28
GI36	Commercial 96 gal toter	\$117.18	RI99	Recycle inactive	\$0.00
GI37	Two commercial 96 gal tote weekly	\$234.36			
GI38	Commercial 14-32 gal cans	\$534.56			

Customer Service Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

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