

01 NEW UTILITY RATES

HELP TO OPERATE, MAINTAIN SYSTEMS

Beginning with the November utility bill, the median residential utility customers will see a 2 percent increase in their combined water and sewer rates. The stormwater fee will increase 12 percent, or \$1.47 per month – from \$12.22 to \$13.69

A low usage customer's water and sewer charges (3,000 gallons of water) will increase by \$2 per month, or 7 cents a day – from \$52.71 to \$54.71. A median usage customer's water and sewer charges (4,500 gallons of water) will increase by \$2.30 per month, or 8 cents a day – from \$67.80 to \$70.10. A high usage customer's water and sewer charges (12,000 gallons of water) will increase by \$4.19 per month, or 14 cents a day – from \$156.57 to \$160.76.

These modest rate increases are necessary to operate, maintain, rehabilitate, and replace the water, sewer and stormwater utility systems. The Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority (TMUA) and the Stormwater Drainage and Hazard Mitigation Advisory Board recommended the rate increases and the City Council approved them as part of the 2026 fiscal year budget process.

TMUA is a public trust created by City charter. TMUA's primary responsibilities are to manage, construct, and maintain Tulsa's water works and sanitary sewer systems, and to fix rates for water and sewer services rendered within its boundaries.

The Stormwater Drainage and Hazard Mitigation Advisory Board was created by City ordinance to provide policy guidance for Tulsa's stormwater management program and to advise the Tulsa City Council. The City of Tulsa's stormwater fee pays for maintenance of the city's stormwater drainage system, which includes manholes, inlets, discharge point structures, storm sewer lines, roadside ditches, bridges, culverts, improved creek channels, detention ponds, and mowing and vegetation control. The stormwater fee also funds capital projects to increase storm sewer capacity, stabilize creek banks, and control erosion. This fee was initiated in 1986, to fund the City of Tulsa's stormwater management program.



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Water, sewer, stormwater revenues fund operation, maintenance of systems.

02 SAFE HOLIDAY COOKING

Be careful with turkey fryers and dispose of fats, oils and grease properly.

+ PLUS: SALES TAX PROGRAMS

The Sales Tax Overview Committee Summary Status Report is available for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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02 HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

HANDLE COOKING GREASE PROPERLY

With the holiday season beginning in November, it's wise to remember safety when preparing holiday meals, and to dispose of grease while being kind to your sanitary sewer pipes.

While most cooks roast a turkey in the oven at Thanksgiving or Christmas, some have a craving for fried turkey. Operating a turkey fryer at home requires special precautions. The Tulsa Fire Department offers the following recommendations:

- **Use a turkey fryer outdoors at a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn.**
- **Make sure the fryer is on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.**
- **Never leave the fryer unattended. Keep children and pets away from the fryer.**
- **Use potholders or oven mitts when touching the fryer; wear safety goggles if you have them.**
- **Make sure the turkey is completely thawed.**
- **Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If you cannot manage the fire with the extinguisher, immediately call 911 for help.**

During cleanup after the holiday meal, if food scraps are washed down the drain, fat and grease from the food can build up in sewer lines, causing raw sewage to back up. Avoid costly home plumbing bills by following these grease disposal steps:

- **Trap meat drippings in a sealable container and toss in the trash.**
- **Scrape all food scraps in the compost or trash.**
- **Wipe all greasy, oily, creamy or buttery food residues from dishes before you wash them.**

Liquid cooking oils can be recycled at the City's Household Pollutant Collection Facility, 4502 S. Galveston Ave., Wednesday and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and noon to 4:30 p.m. For more information on fats, oils and grease disposal, see www.TrapTheGreaseTulsa.com

SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (STOC) SUMMARY STATUS REPORT

ON PROGRAMS MONITORED BY THE STOC

As of the close of City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Prepared by the City of Tulsa Finance Department
Approved by the Committee September 2025

SALES TAX PROGRAMS

2008 Sales Tax Program (Fix Our Streets) In November 2008, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of one and two-twelfths percent (1.167%); to remain effective until June 30, 2014, with the expectation of collecting \$166.6 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$149.7 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$145.4 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$ 0 million

2014 Sales Tax Program (Improve Our Tulsa) In November 2013, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of one and one-tenth percent (1.1%); to remain effective until June 30, 2021, with the expectation of collecting \$565 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure. Additionally, these funds will be used for repairs and expansion in other major categories, including public safety, culture and recreation, economic and neighborhood development.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$580.4 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$460.8 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$546 thousand

2017 Sales Tax & Advance Revenue Bond Program (Tulsa Vision Economic Development) In April 2016, voters authorized a temporary sales tax levy of a little over 3/10ths of a cent for the purpose of funding economic development projects within the City of Tulsa. The temporary tax will be

in place for 15 years. The sales tax went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and will end on Dec. 31, 2031. The tax will fund over \$510.6 million in major capital projects across the City.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$749.8 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$679.6 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$1.9 million

2020 Sales Tax Program (Improve Our Tulsa II) In November 2019, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of forty-five one hundredths percent (0.45%); to remain effective until June 30, 2025, with the expectation of collecting \$193 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure. Additionally, these funds will be used for repairs and expansion in other major categories, including public safety, culture and recreation, economic and neighborhood development.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$150.6 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$99.0 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$2.8 million

2008 General Obligation Bond Issues (Citywide Streets Package) In November 2008, voters approved a \$285 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$285.0 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$285.0 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$ 0 million

2014 General Obligation Bond Issues (Citywide Streets Package) In November 2013, voters approved a \$355 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$335.0 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$281.6 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$ 0 million

SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE SUMMARY STATUS REPORT

2020 General Obligation Bond Issues (Citywide Capital Package) In November 2019, voters approved a \$427 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$244.4 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$87.2 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$765 thousand

2024 General Obligation Bond Issues (Citywide Streets, Facilities, and Capital Packages) In November 2023, voters approved a \$384.9 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$156.3 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$48.9 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$455 thousand

SUMMARY: The STOC is pleased to report to the citizens of Tulsa that voted projects have either been completed as promised, are in the process of being completed, or are awaiting the availability of funds prior to beginning the project. In a few cases, the voted project has been eliminated or materially changed. The Committee is satisfied that the changes were prompted by valid engineering, budgetary or regulatory reasons not known when the project was presented to the electorate and, in each such case, those monies were appropriated to a similar project. All such changes have been approved by the Mayor and/or City Council as required by the relevant ordinances.

SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As of: June 30, 2025

Chair: Ashley Webb (District 4)

Vice-Chair: Linda Jenkins (District 1)

Secretary: Scott Grizzle (District 9)

Member	District	Member	District
Charles Wilkes	District 1	Matt Meyer	District 7
Scott Asbjornson	District 2	James Deming	District 7
Sylvia Powell	District 2	Deborah McKinney	District 8
Brett Friesen	District 3	Steve King	District 8
Tige Rodger	District 4	Paul Hassink	District 9
Kathy Sebert	District 5	Pamela Amburgy	Mayoral
Jennifer White	District 5	Mareo Johnson	Mayoral
Maia Treleaven	District 6	Jessica Reyes	Mayoral
Uriah Davis	District 6		