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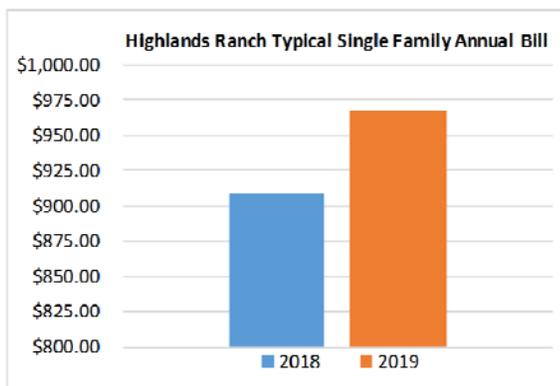
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Water & wastewater rate increases proposed for Highlands Ranch over next four years

Centennial Water & Sanitation District, which serves Highlands Ranch, is proposing increases to water and wastewater rates for Highlands Ranch customers over the next four years. A typical single family household will see a six to seven percent increase per year over the next four years to fund infrastructure needs.

“Centennial has a large, intricate system with aging infrastructure. With a seven-year, \$175 million capital plan, we’re staying on top of the upgrades and new projects needed to meet demands, and to ensure we comply with federal and state regulations. These projects are the first major improvements to the wastewater and water treatment plants since their original construction more than 30 years ago.” said Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Peter Bong.

The 2019 proposed rates would be an estimated increase of 6.4 percent for a typical single family customer annual bill from \$909 in 2018 to \$968 in 2019. This includes water, wastewater, stormwater and streetlight fees.



	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Typical Single Family Annual Bill	\$ 909.00	\$ 968.00
Annual Increase		\$ 59.00
Bi-monthly Increase		\$ 9.83

The table below illustrates the proposed 2019 rates compared to 2018 current rates.

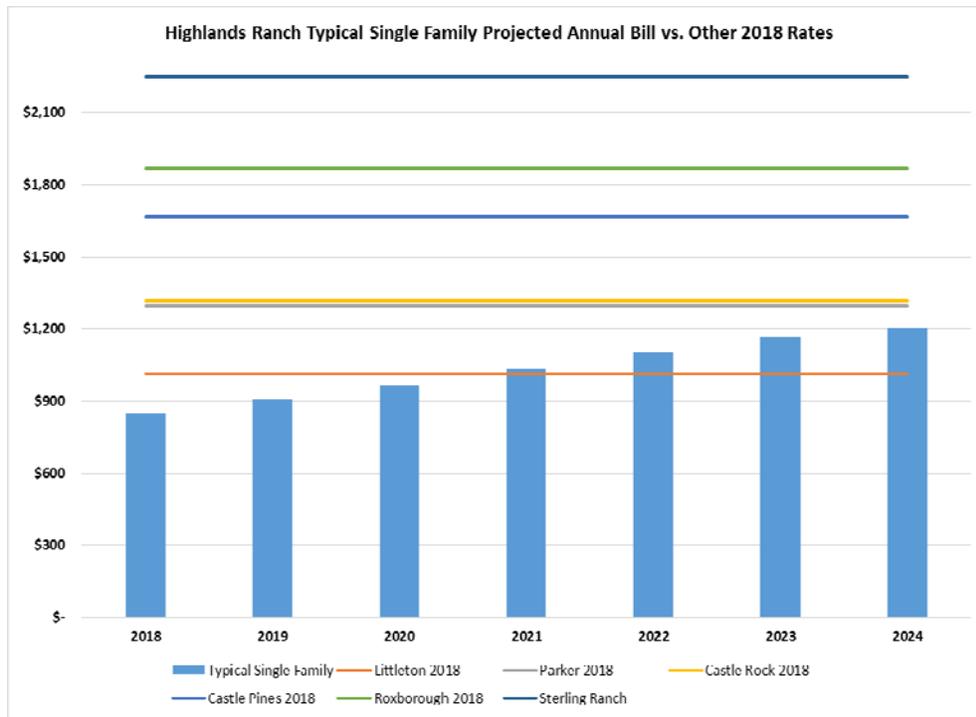
	2018	2019
Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.73
Service Availability Charge*	\$ 27.30	\$ 28.80
Wastewater minimum*	\$ 24.00	\$ 28.65
Streetlights*	\$ 7.75	\$ 7.75
Stormwater*	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.64

*bi-monthly charge

“To keep up with this necessary work, we are increasing the monthly fixed charges on your bill to help us even out our revenues over the year so we can renovate and upgrade our system,” explained Centennial Water & Sanitation District Finance Director Stephanie Stanley.

A public hearing on the rate increase will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26 at the Hendrick Office Building, 62 Plaza Drive. The public is welcome to attend.

The charts below provide details to compare the current and proposed 2019 rates, and Highlands Ranch rates in comparison to rates in other local communities. If you have questions, please contact finance@highlandsranch.org.



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Centennial Water & Sanitation District is the water and wastewater utility in Highlands Ranch. Centennial Water provides high quality water through the Joseph B. Blake Water Treatment Plant located in Highlands Ranch. Wastewater is treated at the Marcy Gulch Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet stringent water quality standards

before it is discharged. Since 1981, Centennial Water has built a reliable and highly-respected water portfolio, based on a conjunctive use system, to serve its customers. Its major water source is surface water from the South Platte River, supplemented with groundwater from deep aquifer wells throughout Highlands Ranch. For more information about Centennial Water & Sanitation District, which serves Highlands Ranch, please visit www.highlandsranch.org, or call 303-791-0430.