




Commission

2026 Budget

December 3, 2025



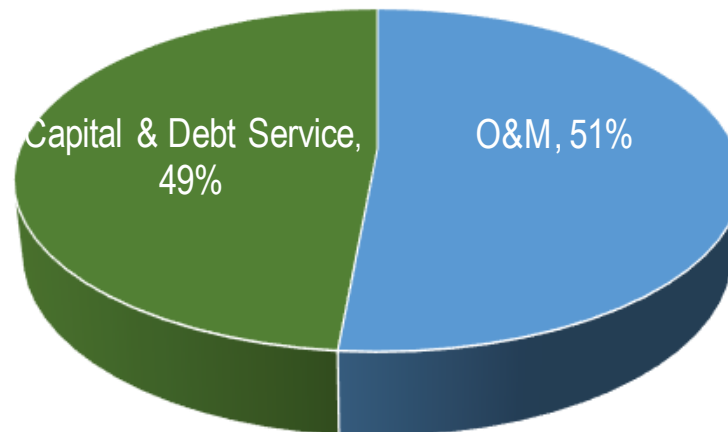
Changes to 2026 Budget from October 23, 2025 Presentation

Total Net decrease (\$99K)

- Net decreases in O&M expenses of (\$77K)
- Net decrease in Debt Service of (\$22K)

2026 Proposed Expenses

Budget Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	% Change
Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	\$ 28,811,808	\$ 29,622,802	2.8%
Debt Service and Annual Capital	\$ 24,777,184	\$ 27,958,990	12.8%
Total Expenses	\$ 53,588,992	\$ 57,581,792	7.5%



2026 Revenue

Budget Categories	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	% Change
Municipal User Fees	\$ 45,970,269	\$ 48,995,574	6.6%
Mill User Fees and Direct Charges	\$ 2,963,050	\$ 3,060,228	3.3%
Mill Capital Charges	\$ 2,112,463	\$ 2,417,903	14.5%
Other Revenues	\$ 1,324,346	\$ 1,287,017	-2.8%
ICR and Debt Reserve Transfers	\$ 1,218,864	\$ 1,221,069	0.2%
Contribution (TO)/FROM Capital Reserve	\$ -	\$ 600,000	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 53,588,992	\$ 57,581,792	7.5%

Municipal User Fees are 85% of Total Revenues

Municipal Rate Comparison

Capital Charge included in Parameter Rate (Fully loaded rates)			
Parameter	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	% Change
Volume (1,000 gals)	\$ 1.29313	\$ 1.44635	11.8%
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (lbs)	\$ 0.58524	\$ 0.61064	4.3%
Suspended Solids (lbs)	\$ 0.60936	\$ 0.61737	1.3%
Phosphorus (lbs)	\$ 2.69000	\$ 2.93279	9.0%
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (lbs)	\$ 1.07094	\$ 1.13171	5.7%

Capital Charge NOT included in Parameter Rate (Billed rates)			
Parameter	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	% Change
Volume (1,000 gals)	\$ 0.72877	\$ 0.79624	9.3%
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (lbs)	\$ 0.30578	\$ 0.30662	0.3%
Suspended Solids (lbs)	\$ 0.32944	\$ 0.32105	-2.5%
Phosphorus (lbs)	\$ 1.34133	\$ 1.41383	5.4%
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (lbs)	\$ 0.51682	\$ 0.52316	1.2%

Capital Charge	\$ 21,292,745	\$ 23,566,907	10.68%
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2026 DRAFT Budget Summary

2026 DRAFT Budget compared to 2025 Budget	Percentage
TOTAL Expenses increased	7.5% *
Capital Expenses increased	12.8%
O&M Expenses increased	2.8%
Municipal User Fees increased	6.6%
Note: A portion of the Interceptor Debt Service was offset through the use of ICR Reserves	
*\$600k use of Plant Capital Replacement Reserves to stabilize rates between 5.5%-7%	

NEW Water Cost for a Typical Household

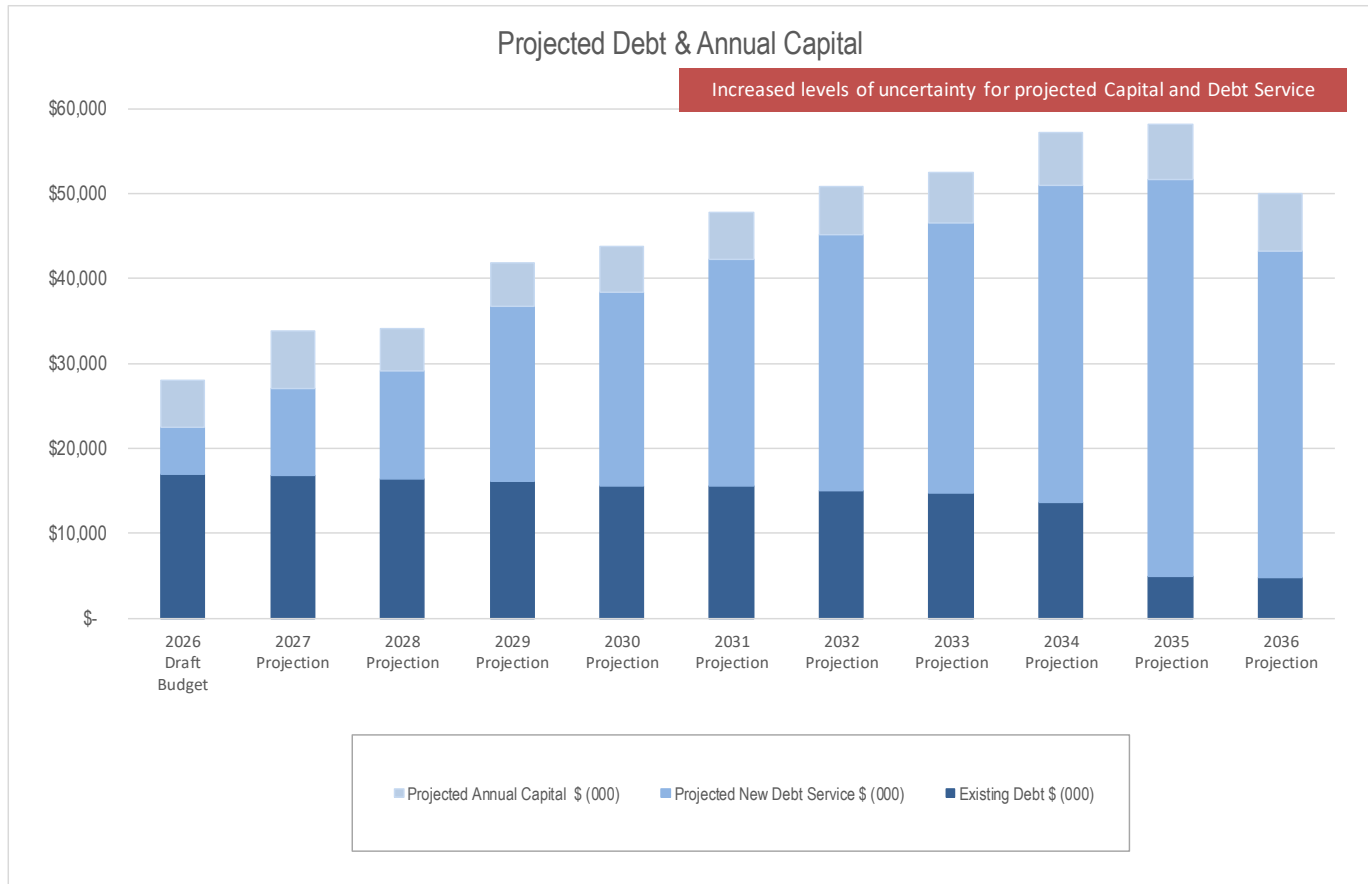


For the 2026 budget, a typical household will pay **about \$28 per month** for NEW Water services*

This is an increase of about \$1.68 per month over the 2025 budget.

*NEW Water provides continuous service throughout the year as a wholesale provider, servicing 15 municipal customers. Rates are the same for each municipal customer and NEW Water does not bill residents directly. Each municipality calculates their bills according to wastewater services they require of their residents, businesses, and industries. Bills from municipalities will also include other costs such as the municipalities' cost to operate and maintain their neighborhood sewer system, which then connects to the NEW Water system.

Strategic Financial Planning



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Next Steps

- Commission adoption of 2026 Budget
- Customer notification