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City of Farmington Hills Announces New Water and Sewer Rate Structure, Prioritizing Fairness and Long-Term System Sustainability

New fixed rate structure begins July 1, reducing costs for most low-use customers through metered-use billing

Farmington Hills, Mich. (June XX, 2026) – Consistent with the City’s annual rate adjustment period, the City of Farmington Hills announces updates to its water and sewer rate structure to take effect on July 1. Key changes include the elimination of the minimum water and sewer bill and the introduction of a fixed (ready-to-serve) water and sewer charge. These adjustments create a more equitable, easy to understand billing system and reflect the City’s ongoing commitment to fairness and transparency.

The new fixed water and sewer charges will be used to cover a portion of fixed costs associated with the daily operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems. Usage rates will continue to be charged and will now be based more closely on customers’ actual metered usage. Customers who use less than the minimum charge of 16 units (1 unit equals 100 cubic feet) of water during a billing cycle may see a decrease in their bill, while those who use more than 16 units may experience an increase.

The water and sewer measurements referenced on the City’s website will be updated to reflect units of 100 cubic feet, instead of the current 1,000 cubic foot units. This change aligns with Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC) billing practices and provides customers with a clearer, more precise calculation of their water bill.

Farmington Hills owns its water and sewer system, which is operated and maintained by the WRC. The City also contracts with the Great Lakes Water Authority for drinking water treatment and distribution, as well as wastewater collection and treatment services for the community.

For more information about the City’s new water and sewer rate structure, visit fhgov.com/CityWaterRates or contact the City’s Department of Public Services at [248-871-2530](tel:248-871-2530) or the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner billing services at 248-858-1110.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

Note for reporters: Although the Cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington share similar names and are both communities in Oakland County, they are two distinct and separate cities. Farmington Hills is the larger of the two, both in population and size. Farmington is a historic city with its own unique governance and community. Please be sure to differentiate between the two cities in your reporting to avoid confusion.