



# City of Spearfish

December 2019

[www.cityofspearfish.com](http://www.cityofspearfish.com)

## 2020 Utility Rates

City Council approved a utility rate change effective January 1, 2020.

Please review the enclosed informational sheet outlining how utility rates are allocated.

### Residential Rates

Garbage Collection	\$ 15.38 (plus tax) - 65-gal
	\$ 18.18 (plus tax) - 95-gal
Sewer Fixed Rate	\$ 20.56
Wastewater Fixed Rate	\$ 26.64
Water Base Rate	\$ 15.71
• First 2,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 2.11
• 2,001-8,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.71
• 8,001-30,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.12
• 30,001 and up, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.33

The average residential user in the city of Spearfish uses 5,000 gallons of water. The impact to the average user will be a difference of \$3.49 per month.

### Commercial Rates

Garbage Collection – Increase of 2.4%	
Sewer Base Rate – First 4,000 gallons	\$ 34.14
• Per 1,000 gallons thereafter	\$ 1.68
Wastewater Base Rate – First 4,000 gallons	\$ 26.64
• Per 1,000 gallons thereafter	\$ 3.30
Water Base Rate	\$ 15.71
• Per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.84

### Lawn Meters

Water Base Rate	\$ 15.71
• Per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.63

## Snow Removal

With the recent snow event, residents are asked to please refer to the detailed Snow Advisory Guide located on the City's website at [www.cityofspearfish.com](http://www.cityofspearfish.com) or at City Hall.

Below are some important reminders from the snow guide to aid in effective snow removal during different levels of snow events:

- **Snow Plowing** - If street widths allow, snow will be plowed to the center to alleviate the amount of snow being pushed toward driveways. If a *Snow Emergency* is declared, snow is plowed curb-to-curb. When streets are narrow or cars are stuck or parked on a street, etc. plowing techniques may be altered, depending on the situation.
- **Driveways** - During a *Snow Emergency*, in the course of curb-to-curb snow plowing, snow being placed in driveways is unavoidable. Plows are angled to the right for plowing from the center line of the street to the curb. This results in a certain amount of snow being deposited in driveways and in front of mailboxes. Clearing these areas of snow is the responsibility of the property owner. During *regular* snow events, crews will do their best to assist with removal of driveway windrows.
- **Sidewalks** - Some areas in our town have narrow public right-of-ways, which results in the sidewalk being very close to the street. When plowing these areas, snow may end up on a sidewalk that was just shoveled. We apologize for the inconvenience this causes you. You may want to wait to clear your sidewalk after City plows have passed through your street.

### To our snow plow operators:

**Thank you.....**For your early mornings, late nights and long hours

**Thank you.....**For operating heavy equipment during hazardous weather conditions

**Thank you.....**For sacrificing family time, especially during the holidays, to ensure the safety of emergency responders and travelers

**And Thank you....**For continuing to come back and do it all again.

Snow removal is not an easy job and very few are willing perform this type of work.

Please thank our snow plow operators and show them kindness

during their snow removal efforts.

Photo courtesy of BH Pioneer

## City of Spearfish Regular Meeting Times

*Council Chambers  
2nd Floor City Hall*

- City Council meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Monday at 5:30 pm
- Public Works Committee - Tuesdays at 4:15 pm before next Council meeting
- Legal & Finance Committee - Wednesdays at 4:15 pm before next Council meeting
- Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 3:00 pm
- Parks, Rec, Forestry Advisory Board - 3rd Thursday at 7:30 am

*If a meeting falls on a holiday,  
it will be held the following day.*

*Visit the website for meeting times,  
agendas and minutes.*

## Directory

**Mayor Dana Boke** - 642.1354

**City Administrator**

**Mike Harmon** - 642.1354

**Building & Development** - 642.1335

Building Dept, Planning & Zoning,  
Engineering & Floodplain

**Campground** (seasonal) - 642.1340

**Finance Office** - 642.1325

Accounts Payable, Cemetery, Garbage  
Collection, Utility Billing, Water/Sewer  
Maintenance

**Fire Dept** - 642.1313

**Library** - 642.1330

**Parks, Rec & Forestry** - 717.1189

**Police Dept** - 642.1305

Animal Control, Property Code  
Enforcement, Parking

**Public Works** - 642.1333

RUS Info, Street Dept, Snow Removal

**Rec & Aquatics Center** - 722.1430

Building & Park Shelter Rentals, Fitness  
Classes, Waterpark

## Free Pet Tag Week

Animal Control will be holding a FREE Pet Tag Week for the week of January 2nd through 10th at the Spearfish Police Department located at 225 W Illinois St from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the lobby. After 4:00 pm, tags may be obtained from the dispatch window. Pet tags are good for the calendar year and will expire December 31, 2020.

For more information, please contact  
Animal Control at 642-1300.

# Community Events

For more community events and information, visit [spearfishchamber.org](http://spearfishchamber.org) or [visitspearfish.com](http://visitspearfish.com)

## Grace Balloch Memorial Library

625 N 5th St \* 642-1330 \* [cityofpearfish.com/212/library](http://cityofpearfish.com/212/library)

- \* Story time will resume January 7  
Toddler story time - Tuesdays at 9:30 am  
Pre-K story time - Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am
- \* Jan 4 from 1-5 pm - Magic: The Gathering Library Tournament. Join us for a tournament for ages 12-19. Sign-up is recommended and can be done by contacting the Library or signing up on the Teen page on the Library's website. Co-hosted by Aaron Bauerly from BHSU and sponsored by Lookout Games and the Friends of the Library.
- \* Jan 6 from 2-4 pm - Drop-in Tech Help. Have questions about your laptop? Is your smartphone stumping you? We will have librarians ready to help. Bring your device and your questions.
- \* Jan 8 at 3:30 pm - Tweens Get Crafty (min age of 10). Held the second Wednesday of the month. Join us for a craft. Snacks provided.
- \* Jan 13 from 2 pm - Libby/OverDrive: Learn how to install and use the library's online e-book and digital audiobook app.
- \* Jan 15 at 3:30 pm - LEGO Club for Ages 9-12. Come build with us! No registration required. Held the third Wednesday of the month. Snacks provided.
- \* Jan 22 at 3:30 pm - Teen Friends Presents... New month, new topic. Held the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- \* Jan 27 from 2-4 pm - Drop-in Tech Help. Have questions about your laptop? Is your smartphone stumping you? We will have librarians ready to help. Bring your device and your questions.
- \* Jan 28 at 2 pm - Winter scene painting class for adults. Contact the library to sign up.

## Spearfish Area Historical Society

[spearfishhistory.org](http://spearfishhistory.org)

Jan 7 at 7:30 pm - The Spearfish Area Historical program, "Who is Aunt Lou? She Will Tell You!" with historical reenactor, Joyce Jefferson. The program will be held at the Spearfish Senior Center, 1306 10th Street. The public is invited.

## Spearfish Chamber of Commerce

106 W Kansas Street \* 642-2626 \* [spearfishchamber.org](http://spearfishchamber.org)

Jan 27 from 5-7 pm - Join the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce at the 27th Annual Taste of Spearfish. Bring your friends and family and come hungry. Dine all around town at one convenient location! Several of your local favorite restaurants will be set up in the Spearfish Park Pavilion that evening. Stay tuned for exciting additions to the timeless event! Follow the Spearfish Chamber on Facebook or visit them at [www.spearfishchamber.org](http://www.spearfishchamber.org) for the big announcement in January! This event has been a community favorite for over a quarter of a century and for good reason!

## High Plains Western Heritage Center

825 Heritage Drive \* 642-9378 \* [westernheritagecenter.com](http://westernheritagecenter.com)

Old Western Movie Matinees - Saturdays at 1 pm - Jan 11, 18, 25; Feb 1 & 8. Suggested donation is \$5 and includes popcorn and a soda!

## Matthews Opera House & Arts Center

612 Main Street \* 642-7973 \* [matthewsopera.com](http://matthewsopera.com)

- \* Jan 8 at noon - Bellman Brown Bag Series: To Be Announced. Join us in the theater for a special presentation. More info will be posted on our website. We'll have the coffee on!
- \* Jan 17 at 7:30 pm - Native American Hip Hop. "Supaman" is Christian Takes Gun Parrish, a Native American dancer and innovative hip hop artist who has dedicated his life to empowering and spreading a message of hope, pride and resilience through his original art form. This is a subscription series event, but single tickets are available for \$25 adults, \$10 youth & BHSU students.

## Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center

122 Recreation Lane \* 722-1430 \* [spearfishrecenter.com](http://spearfishrecenter.com)

- \* Jan 3 from 5:30-8:30 pm - 1st Friday Skate Night! Join us every first Friday of the month for our family skate Night! All ages welcome! Children 8 and under must have supervision.
  - \* Jan 7-30 Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:45-4:30 pm - Girls Basketball Clinic. Ages 9-12
  - \* Jan 11 from 8:30 am-noon - Youth Archery Camp. Ages 9-16. Please register by Jan 8 as space is limited.
  - \* Jan 16-Mar 19; Thursdays from 6-10 pm - 3 on 3 Men's Basketball League. Registration deadline is Jan 11.
  - \* Jan 18 - Resolution Run 5k. Lions Park. Registration starts at 8:15 am, race starts at 9 am!
  - \* After School Activities - Be Social, Be Active! Rec Center After School Activities include: Games, Fitness, Art and FUN! Activities are from 3:30-5:30 pm, Monday-Friday during the school year. Rec Assistants and Fitness Instructors will coordinate and facilitate the activities each day. Free to members and day pass holders.
  - \* Reminder! We have a wide variety of evening fitness classes as well as hourly child care available!
- Please contact the Rec & Aquatics Center for more information on any of these events.

## Spearfish Senior Center

1306 N 10th Street \* 642-2827 \* [spearfishseniorcenter.weebly.com](http://spearfishseniorcenter.weebly.com)

- \* Join the Senior Center every Thursday from 9-10:30 am for caramel rolls and coffee. This is a fun social hour and open to the public.
- \* Jan 3 at 11:30 am - Birthday Luncheon Fundraiser! Join us for a great social hour, food and entertainment. Donation of \$5 is suggested.
- \* Jan 25 from 7:30-10 am - Monthly fundraising breakfast. Pancakes with sausage, or biscuits with sausage gravy will be offered. Served with juice, coffee or tea. Donation of \$5 is suggested. Everyone is welcome!

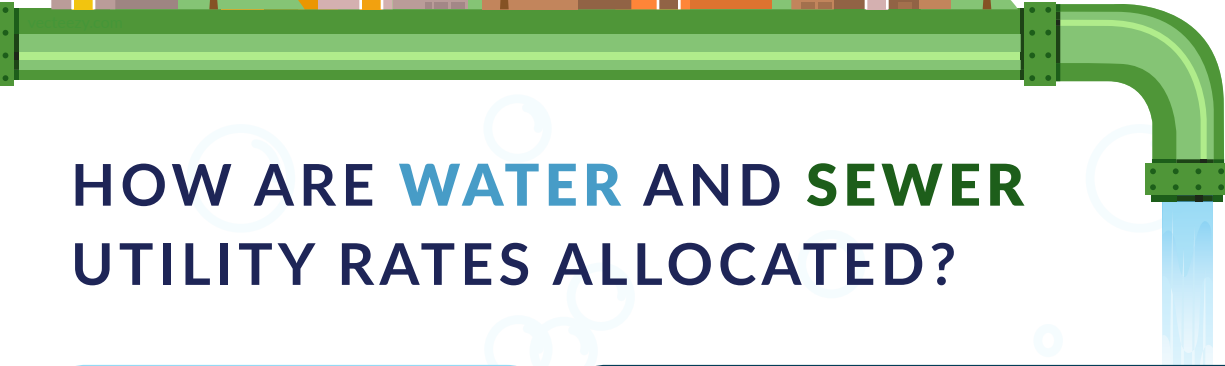
## Rallying the Community to Win!

Out of 6,000 nationwide community nominations, Spearfish has been named one of the Top 10 finalists to be featured on Small Business Revolution. Small businesses from the winning community will be featured throughout season 5 of the series and Deluxe will invest \$500,000 directly into these businesses and the community.

The team from Deluxe visited Spearfish in December and will choose the Top 5 finalists mid-January. We need your help to move to the Top 5! One of the categories being judged is the communities' social engagement.

We are asking businesses and residents to post on Facebook and Instagram what they love about Spearfish, check in at their favorite businesses, share your outdoor fun, and share what you value about the community we call home. In order for the team at Deluxe to see your posts, tag each one with #myspearfish and #smallbusinessrevolution.

For more information on what this means for small businesses in Spearfish, visit [www.smallbusinessrevolution.org](http://www.smallbusinessrevolution.org) or call the Spearfish Chamber at 605-642-2626.



# HOW ARE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATES ALLOCATED?



## Operations & Maintenance

Staff (salaries/benefits), materials/supplies, equipment, utilities (power, etc.), and facilities.



## Capital Construction Projects

Maintenance/repair of infrastructure and infrastructure expansion to meet customer demands.

- **WATER:** Over 100 miles of water mains, valves, fire hydrants, wells, pump stations, water tanks, etc.
- **SEWER:** Collect and treats 1 million gallons of wastewater a day through: sewer mains, manholes, pump stations, wastewater treatment plant, etc.



## Debt Service

Loan/bond repayment from completed projects.



## Customer Accounts

- **WATER:** Over 5,600 water customer accounts
- **SEWER:** Over 4,100 sewer customer accounts.



## Operations Reserve

Emergency operations funds (90 days).



## Charges

- **WATER:** Base Charge (to have water available) and Consumption Charge (pay for the amount of water you use)
- **SEWER:** Collection Charge (moves wastewater from your property to the treatment plant) and Treatment Charge (pays to treat the wastewater)



## Fair and Equitable Across Customer Types (Residential, Commercial, Industrial)

Systems sized for peak user demands.



An annual Water Rate increase of 3.0% for 2020, 2021, 2022 necessary to meet operations, maintenance and capital needs.



An annual Sewer Rate increase of 4.9% for 2020, 2021, 2022 necessary to meet operations, maintenance and capital needs.



# WHAT ARE TAP FEES?

Tap Fees are a contribution of capital for new customers to reimburse existing customers for the available capacity in the system and pay for future growth related expansion to serve them.

## ? Tap fees provide a way for the system to **GROW AND RECOUP COSTS.**

They create equity between existing and new customers for existing and future growth related expansions:



**WATER:** Production and storage capacity (wells and tanks) and distribution system capacity (water mains)



**SEWER:** Treatment plant capacity and collection system capacity (sewer mains)

Fees are calculated by future growth needs, which drive capacity/sizing requirements, and are developed on an “equivalent residential unit” (ERU) basis to equate commercial/industrial service sizes to corresponding residential demands. Estimated capital construction costs are spread over total system ERUs. Credit is provided for developer contributions.



### WATER

- Current System ERUs 9,401
- System growth of 1,186 ERUs by 2025 (2% annual growth)
- Total Allowable Maximum Single Family Tap Fee = \$5,137
- Base Single Family Tap Fee \$750 – proposed 2020
- Increase of \$250/year to maximum of \$2,000 in 2025



The water system has approximately 12% of capacity remaining for new users.



### SEWER

- Current System ERUs 4,800 (treatment volume used)
- System growth of 2,200 ERUs (remaining treatment system capacity)
- Total Allowable Maximum Single Family Tap Fee = \$2,356
- Base Single Family Tap Fee \$750 – proposed 2020
- Increase of \$250/year to maximum of \$2,000 in 2025



The wastewater treatment plant has approximately 35% capacity remaining for new users.

