

[On June 24, 2024 City Council approved the FY 25 budget.](#)

[The following fees/increases will be effective starting July 1, 2024](#)

Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fee

Costs had recently increased (from \$100,000 to \$1.4 million) for Basic Life Support Ambulance Service. After being out for bid, the cost was reduced to \$600,000 with a new vendor. Due to the increase, there will be a monthly fee applied to all utility customers in the Dover Fire District. (Including those outside the city municipal limits.) By billing all utility accounts this will create equity among everyone in the community who potentially will utilize the service. This new fee will be billed monthly on your utility bill at **\$1.50/month** for residential accounts and **\$6.50/month** on commercial utility bills.

Taxes

City of Dover reduced the tax liability by spreading the costs to provide services among all, instead of just impacting the property taxes. However there is a **2 cent tax increase** on every \$100 of assessed value.

Example: Appraised value is \$150,000 your increase will be \$30 a year. (\$2.50 a month).

Please note: Tax deadline has been extended to August 31, 2024 (instead of July 31, 2024).

Sanitation Enterprise Fund

The Sanitation Enterprise Fund is a type of governmental accounting to account for activities that provide goods or services to the public for a fee that is meant to make the entity self-sustaining. The intent is for the expenses of providing the service to the general public on a continuing basis be financed primarily through user charges. In doing so, this would lessen the burden on the General Fund. This is to cover the actual costs, it does not make a profit. Charges were modeled on a 5-year projection to make sure revenues are adequate to pay for costs associated with the services provided. The goal of the Sanitation Enterprise Fund is to have long term financial stability for the removal of all refuse provided by the City of Dover. (Both trash and recycling). The charge will remain on the utility bill as a monthly fee as in the past. The difference is now that the fee goes to the Sanitation Enterprise Fund instead of the General Fund. The fee will be \$33, which was augmented to cover the 5-year projection for a self-sustaining fund. (Up \$6 from \$27) The change in monthly fee will show on your July bill.

Stormwater Utility

The Stormwater Utility adds a monthly charge with a **base rate of \$6.00** to your general bill. The Stormwater Utility will help address increasing **N**ational **P**ollutant **D**ischarge and **E**limination **S**ystem (NPDES) compliance costs imposed by the federal and state government as well as cover personnel costs and capital improvement projects. You will see it on a separate bill in October. You will be charged monthly starting July 1st but you will be billed quarterly.

Questions? Please call Dept of Public Works Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm at 302-736-7025

Business Licenses

Some changes will be implemented to our Business Licenses upon the successful 2nd reading of the ordinance on July 8, 2024. Updates have been made removing categories that we no longer use, and adding new categories. We also are changing license fees to make them divisible by 4 and changing pro-ration of license fees from monthly to quarterly. The first pro-ration begins on November 1st, the second pro-ration begins on February 1st, and the third pro-ration begins on May 1st of each year. For a full list of proposed changes to the business licenses please go to

<https://www.cityofdover.com/pi-forms-and-brochures>

Kent County Sewer Adjustment Pass Thru Charge per 1,000 gallons Usage

Customers will see an increase from \$2.84 to \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons. (**63 cent increase per 1,000 gallons**). The City of Dover strictly collects this as a pass through, this charge is set by the County and is sent to Kent County who approved the increase on June 18, 2024.

Changes have also been made to Appendix F in the City Code for fines, fees and penalties. All doubling has been eliminated and standardized fee structure for clarity. You can view the packet containing the information at

<https://evogov.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/meetings/27/attachments/17187.pdf> (it starts on page 92)