

# 2015

## Mid-Sized Commercial Rates

Each year, we review our rates and adjust them when necessary to reflect the cost of providing electric, water, wastewater and stormwater services. City Council approves utility rates by ordinance, and new rates typically go into effect in January. For more information about rates, visit [fcgov.com/commercial-rates](http://fcgov.com/commercial-rates), or conservation, visit [fcgov.com/conserves](http://fcgov.com/conserves).

### Electric Rates Mid-Sized Commercial Accounts

#### (E250\* Series)

(Effective January 1, 2015)

This rate applies to commercial customers with monthly average electric demand between 25 and 49 kilowatts (kW), typically the mid-sized commercial accounts.

The rate is seasonal to align with Platte River Power Authority's seasonal rate structure. During the summer months (June, July and August), higher rates for energy (kWh) and demand (kW) will be charged to cover the costs of purchasing power from Platte River, the City's wholesale electric provider.

E250 rates include:

**Electric Energy:** Total amount of electricity used in a month (measured in kilowatt-hours) plus a fixed charge for metering and billing. A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is a unit of measure describing the amount of electricity used in one hour.

**Electric Demand:** Highest 15-minute electric demand (kilowatt) during the billing period. A kilowatt (kW) is a unit of measure describing the rate at which electricity is used (demand).

| E250* Series Monthly Electric Rates (Includes PILOT**) |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Electric Energy  |                   |
| Fixed Charge per Account                               |                   |
| E250, E251: Single-phase, 200-amp service              | \$3.46            |
| E252: Single-phase, above 200-amp service              | \$10.18           |
| E253: Three-phase, 200-amp service                     | \$5.26            |
| E254: Three-phase, above 200-amp service               | \$12.44           |
| Energy Charges per kWh                                 |                   |
| Summer (Jun, Jul and Aug)                              | \$0.06275 per kWh |
| Non-Summer (Sep–May)                                   | \$0.06106 per kWh |
| Demand Charges per kW                                  |                   |
| Summer (Jun, Jul and Aug)                              | \$7.97 per kW     |
| Non-Summer (Sep–May)                                   | \$4.63 per kW     |
| Actual rates may vary slightly due to rounding.        |                   |

\* E250-E260 and E290-298 are the rate codes printed on your monthly bill. These codes also may begin with the letter "A" or "B" in annexed areas where additional Rural Electric Association (REA) service-rights fees apply. A fee equal to 5 percent is added to "A" rates and a 25 percent service-rights fee is added to "B" rates.

\*\* PILOT: A 6 percent PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) has been added to electric, water and wastewater rates. The PILOT is a payment to the City's general fund to replace revenue the City would receive from the utilities in taxes and franchise fees if they were privately owned.

Many important details are not included in this summary. Information about power factor requirements and charges, standby service, parallel generation and special services is included in the *City of Fort Collins City Code Section 26.467* and *Electric Service Rules and Regulations* at [fcgov.com/commercial-electric-rates](http://fcgov.com/commercial-electric-rates).

## Reduce Your Use and Save

- Sign up for a facility assessment and learn about rebates and programs to help you conserve. Visit [fcgov.com/assessments](https://fcgov.com/assessments).
- Replace toilets and urinals with WaterSense fixtures and save water and money.
- Use a programmable thermostat to automatically set temperatures back by at least 10 degrees after hours, on weekends and in unoccupied spaces.
- Ask your Utilities' account representative to connect you with assessment and program information. Email [utilitiescustomeraccounts@fcgov.com](mailto:utilitiescustomeraccounts@fcgov.com).

## Water Rates

(No changes in 2015)

Commercial water rates ("W" rate code) are seasonal, costing more in the summer (May–October) when demands are higher due to lawn watering and less in the winter months (November–April). In addition, raw water surcharges may apply.

Please note: Summer water rates apply for six months, while summer electric rates are charged for three months (June – August).

## Wastewater Rates

(Effective January 1, 2015)

Wastewater rates for most commercial customers are based on monthly water use ("S" rate code). Commercial customers may apply to be billed based on their average water consumption during January, February and March (winter quarter average, or WQA) or a minimum of 6,000 gallons, whichever is greater. These customers have a "Q" rate code. Surcharges for wastewater strength may also apply to commercial accounts.

## Stormwater Rates

(No changes in 2015)

Rates ("H" rate code) pay for construction and maintenance of our stormwater system, which helps protect residents and businesses during storms and floods. All developed properties within city limits pay stormwater rates, based on:

- **Lot Size:** lot area in square feet, plus the customer's share of open space in the development, if applicable
- **Base Rate:** \$0.0041454 per square foot
- **Rate Factor:** based on the percentage of impervious area (surfaces that do not absorb water), such as buildings, parking lots and concrete

| Monthly Commercial Water Rates  | Base Charge | Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons |                    |                    |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   |             | Gallons per Month               | Winter (Nov-Apr)   | Summer (May-Oct)   |
| ¾" Meter  | \$14.45     | 0–100,000<br>>100,000           | \$2.011<br>\$2.889 | \$2.512<br>\$3.612 |
| 1" Meter  | \$40.31     | 0–300,000<br>>300,000           | \$2.011<br>\$2.889 | \$2.512<br>\$3.612 |
| 1–1/2" Meter  | \$109.61    | 0–625,000<br>>625,000           | \$2.011<br>\$2.889 | \$2.512<br>\$3.612 |
| 2" Meter  | \$165.20    | 0–1,200,000<br>>1,200,000       | \$2.011<br>\$2.889 | \$2.512<br>\$3.612 |
| 6% PILOT added to water rates (included above)<br>See <a href="https://fcgov.com/commercial-water-rates">fcgov.com/commercial-water-rates</a> for meter sizes greater than 2 inches.<br>Actual charges may vary slightly due to rounding. |             |                                 |                    |                    |

| Monthly Commercial Wastewater Rates  | Base Charge | Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------|
| ¾" Meter   | \$8.89      | \$3.0825                        |
| 1" Meter   | \$20.53     | \$3.0825                        |
| 1–½" Meter   | \$41.33     | \$3.0825                        |
| 2" Meter   | \$70.71     | \$3.0825                        |
| 6% PILOT added to wastewater rates (included above)<br>See <a href="https://fcgov.com/commercial-wastewater-rates">fcgov.com/commercial-wastewater-rates</a> for meter sizes greater than 2 inches.<br>Actual charges may vary slightly due to rounding. |             |                                 |

| Rate Factor             | Percent of Impervious Area | Rate Factor Category (based on land use) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| .25                     | 0–.30                      | Very Light                               |
| .40                     | .31–.50                    | Light                                    |
| .60                     | .51–.70                    | Moderate                                 |
| .80                     | .71–.90                    | Heavy*                                   |
| .95                     | .91–1.0                    | Very Heavy                               |
| *Typical for commercial |                            |  |

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