

# Utility Rates and System Development Charge Update

City Council Workshop

November 19, 2018

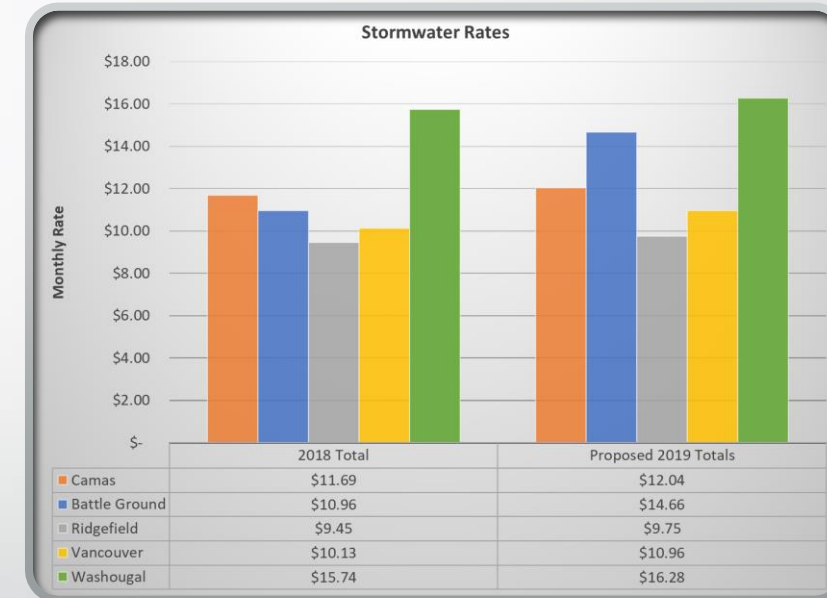
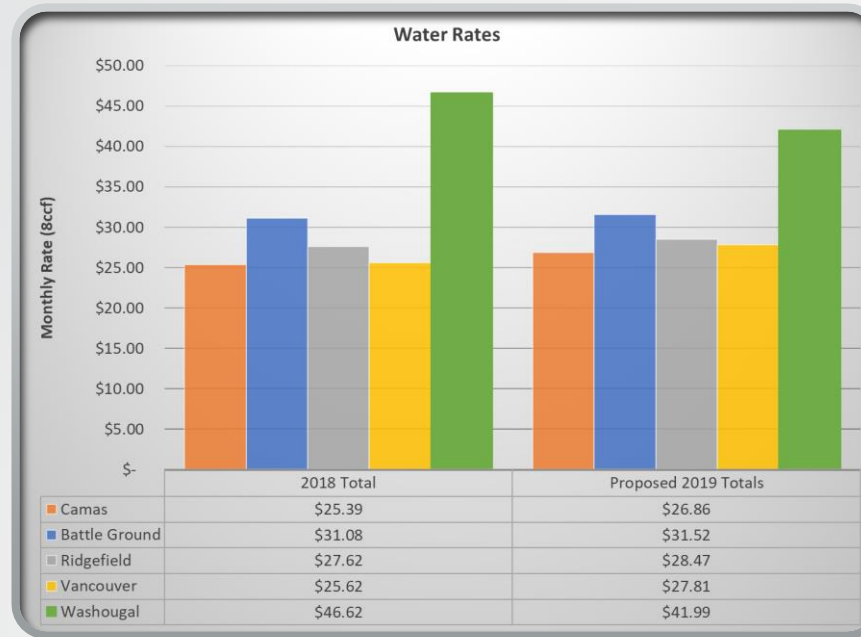
# Utility Rates - Reminder

- Proposed rate increases:
  - Water – 5.65% Increase
  - Sewer – 3.3% Increase
  - Stormwater – 3% Increase
- 5-Year Proposal (2019-2023)
- Rate Ordinances on Regular Meeting Agenda for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

# 2018/2019 Utility Rate Comparisons

## Notes:

- 2019 Rates shown as currently proposed by all agencies
- Totals include Utility Taxes in the following amounts:
  - Battle Ground – 20% on all
  - Ridgefield – 8% on Sewer and Water
  - Vancouver – 24.9% in 2018 and 27.3% in 2019 on all utilities
  - Washougal – 10% on Sewer and Water
- CRWWD (Clark County) Sewer Charge at \$38 for 2018 and \$39 proposed for 2019 not shown for comparison purposes
- Information provided by staff from each agency for typical single family residential home



# System Development Charges

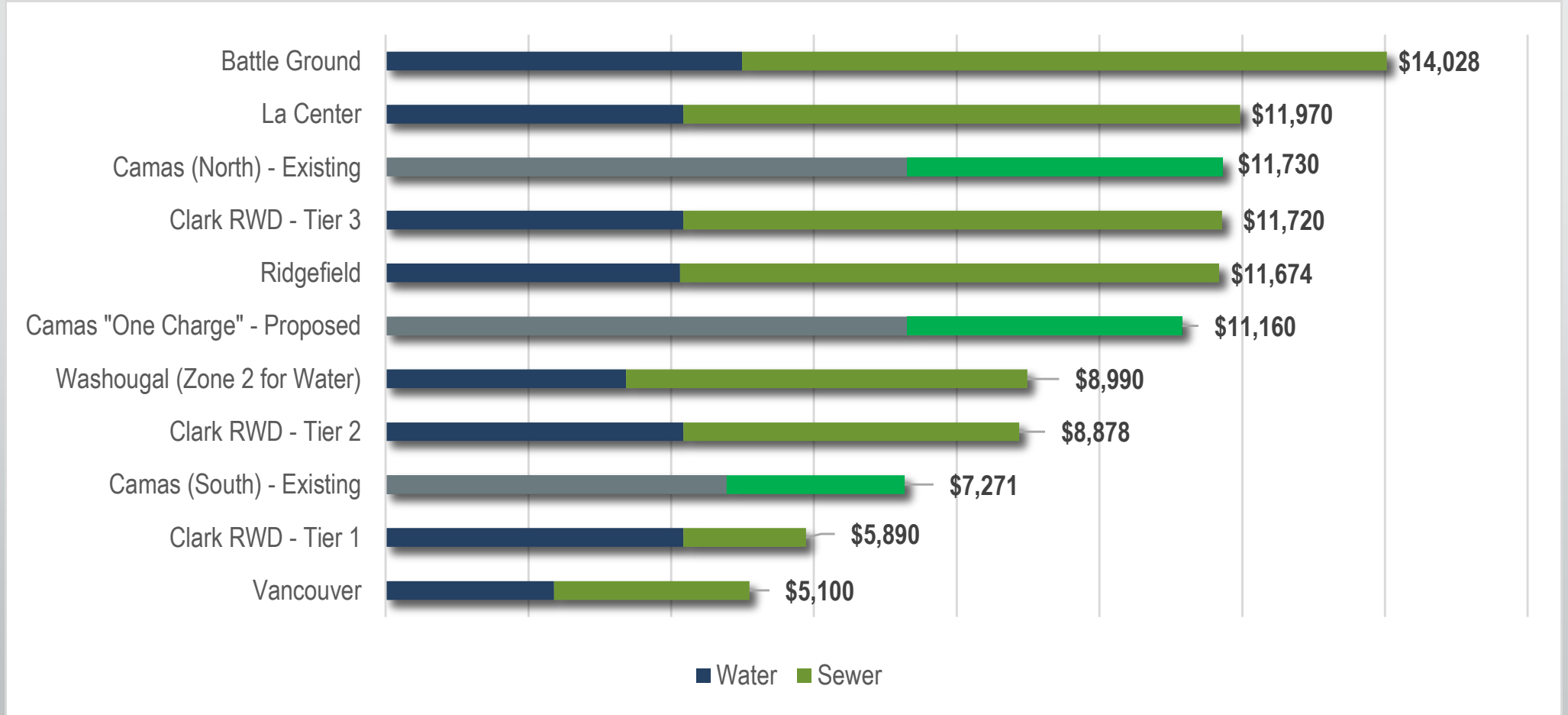
- Reviewed options with Council at prior meetings
- One “City-Wide” charge (Water and Sewer)
- Assume no Developer contributions in calculation
  - SDC Credit implications
- Water – one category with all uses (no separate Industrial)
- Sewer Calculation – based on “Equivalent Residential Units” vs. prior Meter Equivalent Size



# System Development Charges (SDCs) – Current Proposal

- **Water = \$7,310** based on ¾-inch Meter
  - South area phased in over two years
    - 2019 = \$6,044
    - 2020 = \$7,310
- **Sewer = \$3,850**
  - Decrease in the North and increase in the South
- Charges based on Draft 2018 Water System Plan Update and 2010 General Sewer Plan (with Amendments)

# SDC Comparison



# SDC Code Changes

- Water - CMC 13.52 and Sewer – CMC 13.72
- Revised definitions
- Modified SDC Credit provisions
  - Set limit on use of credits at 10 years
  - How credits can be used left the same
- Added Indexing
- Accessory Dwelling Units (“ADUs”) – no charge
- Separate Agreement option available to Council

# Utility Specific Changes

- Water
  - Phased approach
  - Base meter changed in 2007+/- from 5/8-inch to 3/4-inch
- Sewer
  - Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) calculation
  - Most Uses by Meter Size up to 2-inches
    - Over 2-inches (less than 1% of the System) by Study
  - Specialty uses



# Sewer ERU Calculation Examples

- Schools – based on Number of Students/Faculty
  - 32 stud/ERU
  - Likely higher than current charge per Meter Size
    - Ex: Lacamas Lake Elementary – Meter Size = 8 ERUs; Students = 22 ERUs
- Restaurants – based on Number of Seats
  - Full Service/Fast Food = 12 seats/ERU; Quality Sit Down = 17.4 seats/ERU
  - Similar to CRWWD; more lenient than BG and VC
  - Generally equivalent to Meter Size
- Hotels - # of Rooms
  - 0.4 ERU/room (without Kitchen)
- Industrial Uses – by Study





# Next Steps and Questions