



City of Phoenix
WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT



City Services Tax

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BACKGROUND: The City Services Bill (water, wastewater and solid waste) includes an excise tax shown as *City Services Tax*. As one part of the shared solutions approach to save valuable City services in the 2014-15 budget, the Mayor and City Council approved an excise tax to be added to the City Services Bill, based on meter size.

Visit phoenix.gov for a detailed explanation of your City Services Bill and for additional City of Phoenix budget and financial information.

1. What is the City Services Tax?

This tax will provide revenue to the City's General Fund helping to preserve valuable city services such as public safety and criminal justice services, senior programs and recreation services while balancing the budget.

2. When did this tax begin?

The City Services Tax on the City services bill became effective on July 19, 2014, on all water service accounts within the City of Phoenix.

3. How much is the City Services Tax?

All single-family residential water accounts will be assessed \$1.50 per month, or about 5 cents per day, regardless of the meter size. All other water accounts will be assessed based on the size of the water meter in use, as shown below:

Meter Size	Monthly Charge (Except Single-Family Residences)
5/8"	\$1.50
3/4"	\$1.50
1"	\$3.75
1.5"	\$7.50
2"	\$12.00
3"	\$22.50
4"	\$37.50
6" and Larger	\$75.00

4. Who is charged with the City Services Tax?

City of Phoenix residents and businesses who receive a city services bill will be assessed this tax. Accounts located outside of the city limits and fire line accounts are exempt.

5. Does this affect monthly water charges?

The excise tax is not related to water usage and does not affect your monthly water and/or sewer fees.

6. Why is the water bill being used for the City Services Tax?

Collecting the excise tax through the city services bill is the most efficient method, making use of our existing billing systems, without incurring additional costs.

7. Where does the City Services Tax appear on my bill?

The tax is listed in the section of itemized costs where other taxes and fees are listed. For a detailed explanation of your City Services Bill, visit phoenix.gov.

8. How does this tax benefit my family or me?

The City Services Tax is expected to add an estimated \$11.8 million to the General Fund in 2015-16, and will help preserve programs including public safety and criminal justice services, senior programs, recreation services and other important services to the community. During the 2014 community budget hearings, resident feedback supported a shared solutions approach to address the budget deficit without any cuts to important City services.