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Subject: Against Proposed Rate Increases for City of Salem Utility Customers
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 4:27:54 PM

To Salem City Council,

Please do not authorize the proposed 5% rate increase for January 2023 and January 2024.

We have been Salem residents for the past 24 years. We understand that growth and costs need to be covered and corresponding rate increases need to be made from time to time.'

This is not the time for increasing service rates. The country is on the verge of a recession, gas prices are at an all time high, interest rates (borrowing costs for capital improvements) are high, and inflation across the board is eroding purchasing power.

In summary, it has been a very hard year for us and every family in Salem.

It is a time for cutting back - not raising rates.

Show us you care. Scale back this increase.

Respectfully,

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From: [Karen Morrison](#)
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I understand the city council is considering a rate increase at their meeting tonight.

While I can appreciate that the city is facing increasing labor, fuel and supply costs to maintain an aging system but a 5% increase for water, 5% for wastewater and 5% for storm water for each of the next two years! That's way too much.

No one is getting a pay increase anywhere close to that. Increasing our water bill as proposed will only put the citizens of Salem in a much more difficult financial situation than we already are.

The city should have to tighten their belt and eliminate unnecessary expenses just as citizen are doing to adjust to higher operating costs.

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