



## **CITY OF NORMAN**

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Building an Inclusive Community

City of Norman Special Election: 5 April 2022

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## **VOTER INFO**

- March 11: Deadline to register to vote
- March 31 & April 1: Early Voting
- April 5: Election Day



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Further investment in community infrastructure by way of

Advanced Water Metering,
Pipe Replacement &
Groundwater Treatment

are considered to sustain progress, increase efficiencies and ensure reliability of service as Norman leads toward tomorrow.



## PROPOSED PROJECTS & IMPROVEMENTS

Passage of the City of Norman's Spring 2022 Proposition would generate S4.7M a year, providing funding for:

- ADVANCED WATER METERING, \$15M: A system of meters, communication networks and software that wirelessly delivers water usage information and service alerts. Through this system, hourly water usage information would be available in near real-time to customers and the City, which would realize the following benefits:
  - Increase accuracy and timeliness of meter reading, eliminating the inconvenience and frustration caused by estimated water bills;
  - Decrease the demand for physical meter reading visits in order to resolve concerns;
  - Securely organize water consumption data to allow for advanced leak notification and improved water conservation;
  - Create greater efficiencies in local government to best serve citizens.

An increase to the water rate of each household and business is considered for project funding. The City of Norman has not seen a water rate increase since 2015, though costs for associated equipment & chemicals for service have continued to rise.

- GROUNDWATER TREATMENT, \$17M: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) now requires a chlorine residual throughout a blended water distribution system. The City of Norman manages 41 wells that supply water to residents and businesses.
  - By disinfecting and maintaining higher chlorine levels from the groundwater system, the safety of the water supply will improve and the City will come into compliance with DEO mandates.
- PIPE REPLACEMENT 8
   OPERATIONS, \$1.5M: Replacing aging infrastructure will reduce service disruptions, as well as ensure quality water consistently makes its way to homes and businesses in Norman.
  - Norman has 600 miles of water line pipes and 300 miles of those are older, metal lines that fail at higher rates and should be replaced by PVC pipe as soon as possible.
  - Proposition funding would increase the amount of pipe replaced each year.

Norman's water billing structure consists of 4 tiers, with 73% of home bills showing usage of 5K gallons or less. Those consuming 5K gallons or less would see an average increase of \$3.93 per month.

View proposed rate chart, FAQs & more election information at normanok.gov/toward-tomorrow