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East Wenatchee Water District

March 14, 2024

Dear valued East Wenatchee Water District customer,

Beginning on your April, 2024 billing statement, you will notice the city has imposed a utility tax that will equate to an additional charge of eleven percent (11.1%). This charge will be identified as **"City of East Wenatchee Utility Tax."** This charge represents a new utility tax imposed by the City of East Wenatchee, as voted on and adopted by the East Wenatchee City Council in November, 2023. This tax currently has no limits prescribed by state or federal laws and can be increased at the discretion of the City Council. This new tax will affect all water, sewer and garbage utilities located within the city limits of East Wenatchee.

By law, the East Wenatchee Water District is not authorized to generate revenue by imposing a tax. The Water District was not involved with the City's decision to implement this new tax. Also, by law, the Water District is only authorized to generate revenue through rate charges that apply to the cost of the water service we provide.

By law, the City of East Wenatchee is authorized to tax utilities operated by itself or operated by others within the city limits. This new City Utility Tax revenue may be spent by the City to cover the costs of general city government operations and is in addition to the property tax revenue as well as sales tax revenue already collected by the City.

If you have any questions concerning this new City Utility Tax, including why it was imposed, or, on what the city intends to spend this new tax revenue, please direct those questions directly to the City of East Wenatchee at 509-884-9515.

*Sincerely the Board of Commissioners
East Wenatchee Water District*



Tracy Petersen, President



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