

What is the \$10 Public Safety Fee?



St. Helens residents and businesses will notice a \$10 Public Safety Fee on utility bills starting in August 2023. This fee goes directly toward helping fund a new police station for the City of St. Helens. The \$10 fee was approved unanimously by the St. Helens City Council in June 2023 as one of the funding mechanisms for the new facility.

The current St. Helens Police Station was built in 1951 and is only 2,200 square feet. There is inadequate space for a department of 25 people, the building has no room for growth, and it does not meet today's basic police standards. The building poses several safety concerns and does not have capacity for necessary interview rooms, evidence storage, digital infrastructure, and other basic needs such as locker rooms and offices.

The new police station will be located on the corner of Old Portland Road and South 18th Street at the entrance to the City's Industrial Business Park and across from McCormick Park. The new facility will provide adequate space for current and future needs, increase security, and assist officers in performing their essential duties.

For more information about this project, the latest updates, or to ask any questions, please visit the project page at www.sthelensoregon.gov/administration/page/public-safety-facility.