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### **City of Prior Lake Introduces Web-based Road Map of Its Water Bill**

The City of Prior Lake recently unveiled a Water Bill Clarification Web page on its city website at the request of Prior Lake City Councilmembers. The page features an interactive illustration of the city's bimonthly city water bill and explains, in detail, each listed fee, surcharge and tax.

The concept of a mock water bill was introduced by Councilmember Vanessa Soukup at the council's regular meeting on April 18, 2011. Soukup said residents are "looking to get some more explanation on how these rates are calculated and what exactly they are paying for."

Councilmembers agreed such a feature would be helpful to residents.

The mock water bill is representative of those received by residents and commercial property owners, and its key feature is interactive "pop ups" that provide explanations of how the city's two-tiered water charge is calculated, which taxing body controls which tax and much more.

Other information provided on the page includes how water consumption is monitored and how to sign up for the city's auto pay system.

For more information, visit the City of Prior Lake website at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com).