

According to the Tax Foundation (www.taxfoundation.org) :

Utah citizens pay an average of 14.70% of their bill in additional taxes, fees and surcharges.

So, if a bill is \$100 per month you would pay approximately \$176.40 per year in additional taxes, fees and surcharges.

Various taxes, fees, and surcharges typically are:

- **Universal Service Fund (USF) fee** - this levy is applied by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help fund projects that make cell phone coverage and high-speed internet available across the entire country. This includes very remote areas where few, if any people reside.
- **City Gross Receipts Tax** is similar to the sales tax you pay. However, this is levied upon businesses that provide a good or service. This is a perfect example of a tax on business being passed along to the consumer.
- **State and local sales tax** are the traditional rate we all pay for goods and services.
- **The State Universal Fund fee** is nearly the same purpose as the USF issued by the FCC, except created to bolster statewide cell phone and broadband coverage.
- **DEAF Surcharge** - the revenue from this fee goes to pay for services for those who need additional services due to hearing issues. For example, Relay Utah.
- **Poison Control Surcharge** - pays for the 4 poison control dispatch centers.
- **911 Taxes** – for example, if the customer resides in Salt Lake City, they pay that city 911 tax, as well as the state 911 tax.

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