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Osage Beach Water and Sewer User Rate Schedule Changes

Osage Beach, MO – The City is committed to operating its water and sewer systems in a safe, lawful, and financially sound manner, and providing excellent water and sewer utility services. To achieve this goal, it has become necessary to increase user fee rates.

Economic factors, including inflation and supply-chain issues which has greatly increased the costs of equipment, materials and labor, coupled with an increase in needed system repairs and improvements over the past 24 months has contributed to an unprecedented increase in system expenditures and use of financial reserves. Increases are needed for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and improving the water and sewer systems, and to replenish adequate reserves and ensure revenues for overall operation and maintenance of the system are generated.

A Public Hearing will be held on March 21, 2024, at the 5:30 PM Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall. Proposed rate schedule changes were presented to the Board of Aldermen last month and are enclosed. Rate schedule changes are anticipated to be effective July 1, 2024, upon Board of Aldermen approval. The Board of Aldermen will consider the First Readings of the applicable bills following the scheduled public hearing.

The City's water system was built in the early 2000s and currently serves nearly 6,100 users. The City's 8 wells with 4 water towers produced nearly 380 million gallons of water for our system's users. The City's sewer system was built in the 1980s and currently serves nearly 7,100 users. The system includes over 1,200 grinder pump stations and 59 sewer lift stations. Sewer flows from our system's users equated to over 352 million gallons in 2023.

Over the past four years, the number of utility users has grown 6% in both the water and sewer systems.

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Review Analysis

■ Proposed Water Rates

	Current		July 1, 2024	
	In-City	Out-of-City	In-City	Out-of-City
5/8"	\$22.73	\$98.00	\$32.54	\$141.50
1"	\$31.35	\$136.67	\$44.85	\$197.57
1 1/2"	\$39.94	\$175.35	\$57.31	\$253.65
2"	\$63.60	\$281.67	\$91.62	\$407.82
3"	\$237.96	\$1,064.68	\$344.44	\$1,543.18
4"	\$302.36	\$1,354.68	\$437.82	\$1,963.68
6"	\$366.90	\$1,644.68	\$531.40	\$2,384.18
Volumetric (1,000 gal)	\$1.34		\$1.34	
Aggregate % Increase			34%	

Review Analysis

■ Proposed Sewer Rates - METERED

	Current		July 1, 2024	
	In-City	Out-of-City	In-City	Out-of-City
5/8"	\$18.20	\$39.58	\$35.14	\$81.61
1"	\$24.45	\$54.41	\$47.64	\$112.75
1 ½"	\$30.74	\$69.25	\$60.22	\$143.91
2"	\$47.98	\$110.02	\$94.70	\$229.53
3"	\$174.98	\$410.28	\$348.70	\$860.08
4"	\$222.02	\$521.48	\$442.78	\$1,093.60
6"	\$269.06	\$632.71	\$536.86	\$1,327.18
Volumetric (1,000 gal)	\$2.52		\$3.78	
Aggregate % Increase			85%	

Review Analysis

■ Proposed Sewer Rates – NON-METERED (Flat Rate)

	Current		July 1, 2024	
	In-City	Out-of-City	In-City	Out-of-City
A	\$33.34	\$52.58	\$66.68	\$110.42
B	\$211.05	\$332.85	\$422.10	\$698.99
C	\$343.40	\$541.53	\$686.80	\$1,137.21
D	\$738.84	\$1,165.14	\$1,477.68	\$2,446.79
E	\$1,433.15	\$2,260.09	\$2,866.30	\$4,746.19
F	\$4,001.51	\$6,310.47	\$8,003.02	\$13,251.99
G	\$5,939.55	\$9,366.76	\$11,879.10	\$19,670.20
Aggregate % Increase			85%	

Sample Billing

- Residential, In-City – 5/8” Metered Water & Sewer

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>		<i>Monthly Increase</i>	<i>Annual Increase</i>
Gallons	5,000				
Water	\$28.09	\$37.90	35%	\$9.81	\$117.72
Sewer	\$28.28	\$50.26	78%	\$21.98	\$263.76
TOTAL	\$56.37	\$88.16	56%	\$31.79	\$381.48

Sample Billing

- M/F – 16 unit, In-City – Metered Water & Sewer

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>		<i>Monthly Increase</i>	<i>Annual Increase</i>
Units	16				
Gallons	60,000				
Water	\$422.64	\$579.60	37%	\$156.96	\$1,883.52
Sewer	\$402.08	\$728.56	81%	\$326.48	\$3,917.76
TOTAL	\$824.72	\$1,308.16	59%	\$483.44	\$5,801.28
Per Unit	\$51.55	\$81.76		\$30.21	\$362.58

Sample Billing

- Commercial, In-City – 1” Metered Water & Sewer

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>		<i>Monthly Increase</i>	<i>Annual Increase</i>
Gallons	18,000				
Water	\$54.13	\$67.63	25%	\$13.50	\$162.00
Sewer	\$67.29	\$111.90	66%	\$44.61	\$535.32
TOTAL	\$121.42	\$179.53	48%	\$58.11	\$697.32

Sample Billing

- Commercial, In-City – 2” Metered Water & Sewer

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>		<i>Monthly Increase</i>	<i>Annual Increase</i>
Gallons	110,000				
Water	\$209.66	\$237.68	13%	\$28.02	\$336.24
Sewer	\$322.66	\$506.78	57%	\$184.12	\$2,209.44
TOTAL	\$532.32	\$744.46	40%	\$212.14	\$2,545.68

Comparisons

- Residential - In-City, 5,000 gallons

	Camdenton	Eldon	Lake Ozark	Osage Beach	Sunrise Beach	Laurie
Water	\$22.75	\$27.14	\$43.52	\$37.90	\$57.39	\$55.59
Sewer	\$22.50	\$38.52	\$34.27	\$50.26	\$55.00	\$90.60
Total	\$45.25	\$65.66	\$77.79	\$88.16	\$112.39	\$146.19

Comparisons

- Commercial - In-City, 2" Metered, 110,000 gallons

	Sunrise Beach	Eldon	Camdenton	Osage Beach	Lake Ozark	Laurie
Water	\$109.89	\$342.64	\$405.00	\$237.68	\$814.84	\$722.34
Sewer	\$110.00	\$286.51	\$306.00	\$506.78	\$512.01	\$996.60
Total	\$219.89	\$629.15	\$711.00	\$744.46	\$1,326.85	\$1,718.94