

Letter to Residents - Water Rate Increase

The cost to produce, treat, and deliver water as well as building and maintaining infrastructure, is on the rise. The Abernathy City Council recently approved a water and sewer rate structure necessary to support the operations and infrastructure of the Utility Fund while encouraging and promoting conservation and efficient water use.

This letter is to inform you that the new rates, as outlined below, will be effective with bills that are mailed October 1, 2011:

Water Rates

Residential

- Residential base or minimum charge will increase \$1.00 to \$19.50 for the first 3,000 gallons of water usage or less. The City has adopted a tiered rate structure which is to encourage water conservation. Additional consumption will be billed as follows:

3,001-7000 additional gallons –	\$2.50 per thousand gallons
7,001-12,000 additional gallons -	\$2.75 per thousand gallons
12,001 – 20,000 additional gallons -	\$3.00 per thousand gallons
20,001 – 50,000 additional gallons -	\$3.25 per thousand gallons
Any additional usage over 50,001 gallons -	\$3.50 per thousand gallons

Commercial Bulk Water Rates (Metered)

- Commercial Accounts will have a base rate of \$19.50 for the first 1,000 gallons of water. Each additional thousand gallons of water will be billed at \$5.00.

Commercial Bulk Water Rates (Coin Operated)

- Coin operated bulk rate of \$5.00 per thousand gallons will be collected at the point of sale.

Outside City Customers

- If you are located out of City limits, rates are calculated at 2 times the City rates stated above.

Sewer Rates

Residential

- Residential base or minimum charge will increase \$1.25 to \$11.50.

There are other rate increases that are not included in this letter which are available on the City's website, www.cityofabernathy.org.

Let me assure you that your city leaders are mindful of how the economy has affected everyone. In comparison with rates in other communities, Abernathy does an outstanding job of delivering the best water quality at the lowest cost possible.

On a residential bill for 10,000 gallons consumption, the monthly bill will be \$50.00 for both water and sewer, an increase of \$5.50 per month from the current rate. In other cities, that same 10,000 gallons of water will cost you:

<u>City</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Morton	\$ 47.00	\$ 564.00
Abernathy	\$ 49.25	\$ 591.00
Olton	\$ 52.30	\$ 627.60
Hale Center	\$ 53.17	\$ 638.04
Ropesville	\$ 54.00	\$ 648.00
Wolforth	\$ 57.70	\$ 692.40
Petersburg	\$ 59.00	\$ 708.00
Floydada	\$ 59.85	\$ 718.20
Littlefield	\$ 60.25	\$ 718.20
Plainview	\$ 60.85	\$ 742.20
Lorenzo	\$ 62.50	\$ 750.00
Shallowater	\$ 63.10	\$ 757.20
Ralls	\$ 67.55	\$ 810.60
Idalou	\$ 68.60	\$ 823.20
Slaton	\$ 77.14	\$ 925.68
Lubbock	\$ 82.75	\$ 993.00
Crosbyton	\$ 86.00	\$ 1,032.00
Post	\$ 91.63	\$ 1,099.56
New Deal	\$ 96.96	\$ 1,163.52

**Costs not including solid waste removal or other utility based fees.*

We take pride in serving you, your family, and your business and we look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence in the future.

Sincerely,

Mike Cypert,
City Manager