

Rate Increases in The City of Jackson?

What YOU Should Know about the Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Increases



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In an effort to comply with State and Federal Regulations, the City of Jackson has proposed water and sewer rate increases. Ultimately, the increase will improve the quantity and quality of water and it will assist the City in addressing several infrastructure needs. Should you have additional questions about the water and sewer rate increases, call the Department of Public Works at 601-960-2091.

Why are the water and sewer rate increases necessary?

- Maintenance and operational costs have exceeded the City of Jackson's ability to continue to provide safe, clean, quality water, provide proper sewer treatment and meet all State and Federal environmental requirements.
- We are bringing Jackson into compliance with the EPA Consent Decree. The Consent Decree mandates that the City complete various projects to upgrade the sewer system to acceptable conditions. Failure to comply could result in costly fines or criminal action.
- Improving the system will allow the City to build a better water pipe line system which will lead to fewer repairs and drainage problems.
- Better water and sewer systems will lead to a more efficient infrastructure and better quality of life.

Who will be affected by the rate increases?

- Any commercial or residential sewer and/or water customer will be effected by the increases.

When will the rate increase go into effect?

- The rate increase will go into effect a month after the City Council votes. The City Council is scheduled to vote on September 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Did You Know?

- The city has 1,000 miles of sewer pipe ranging in size from 6 inches to 108 inches carrying over 17 billion gallons of sewage to three wastewater treatment plants.
- A good infrastructure is vital to a city's economy.
- The new water rate changes from 0.33 cents to 0.43 cents per gallon.
- The new sewer rate changes from 0.29 cents to 0.60 cents per gallon.
- Jackson currently has a rate less than half of Birmingham, AL or New Orleans.