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WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Effective July 1, 2016 water and sewer rates will increase.

The new water rate for 2016 will be \$9.20 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$27.60 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 15,000 gallons per quarter, the water bill will increase from \$133.00 to \$138.00 per quarter. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

The new sewer rate for 2016 will be \$16.67 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$50.01 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 15,000 gallons per quarter, the sewer bill will increase from \$243.00 to \$250.00 per quarter. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASE:

- Operating expenses have increased;
- Funding reserves for emergency repairs and operations have been depleted and need to be increased;
- Existing rates will not adequately fund capital improvement project costs for infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, repairs, and replacement.