

## **Water and Sewer Rates Set to Increase July 1, 2009**

In May, the Town of Aberdeen Board of Commissioners approved a new tiered rate structure and other increases for water and sewer services beginning July 1, 2009. The new rates will be reflected in the September bills for customers.

The new rate structure includes six tiers for customers based on water and sewer usage. The base fee for water and sewer will also increase.

The reason for these increases in water and sewer rates has come about due to Moore County's expansion and upgrade project to the Addor Waste Water Treatment Plant. Due to the growth in Moore County they are increasing the plant's total daily capacity from 6.6 mgd to 10 mgd at a cost of \$37.5 million dollars. They have increased our monthly cost over the last couple of years from \$1.27 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons this fiscal year, and going up to \$2.61 beginning in July 2009. They are going up to \$3.22 in 2010 and \$3.81 in 2011 respectively.

The Town Board of Commissioners, always concerned with keeping our rates low, did not increase rates this fiscal year but with a 70% increase coming over the next two years had to increase the rates to help meet these new costs. Because of these higher rates we will pay an additional \$200,000 in waste treatment costs over last year's expense with the same amount of gallons treated. With the high cost of operating a water and sewer utility we could not continue in that direction.

Even with these new rates the Town of Aberdeen Water & Sewer Utility is one of the least expensive in the State of North Carolina.

The new rates can be found here. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Water Department at 944-7799 or 115 N. Poplar Street.

### **In-Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)**

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$10.00
1,000 – 5,000 Gallons	2.25 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 Gallons	2.40 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 Gallons	2.55 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 Gallons	2.70 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 Gallons	3.00 per thousand
Over 25,000 Gallons	3.30 per thousand

### **In-Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)**

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$10.00
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1,000 – 5,000 Gallons	2.50 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 Gallons	3.00 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 Gallons	3.50 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 Gallons	4.00 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 Gallons	4.50 per thousand
Over 25,000 Gallons	5.00 per thousand

**Out of Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)**

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$16.00
1,000 – 5,000 Gallons	4.50 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 Gallons	4.80 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 Gallons	5.10 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 Gallons	5.40 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 Gallons	6.00 per thousand
Over 25,000 Gallons	6.60 per thousand

**Out of Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)**

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$16.00
1,000 – 5,000 Gallons	5.00 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 Gallons	5.50 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 Gallons	6.00 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 Gallons	6.50 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 Gallons	7.00 per thousand
Over 25,000 Gallons	7.50 per thousand