June 9, 2015

2016 Utility Rates

Dear Utilities Customer,



Utility Division

Nathan W. Coey Utility Director

On May 4, 2015, City Council approved legislation to increase the Water Capital Improvement Project (CIP) charge from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage. The rate change will commence with the March 2016 billing cycle for usage period January 2016 through February 2016. The legislation includes the provision for an annual review of the CIP utility rates. No changes were made to the current water usage rate or to the sewer usage rate and CIP rate structures. The chart below reflects the change recently approved.

Please see below the utility rate fee summary:

Highlights indicates change under Ordinance 2015-4224

Water/1,000 gallons	In-Town	Out-Of-Town	CIP/1,000gallons
<u>Year</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Water</u>
2015	\$4.39	\$6.59	\$1.50
2016	\$4.48	\$6.72	<mark>\$3.00</mark>

You can estimate how this rate change will affect your monthly charge by locating the monthly "USAGE 1,000 GAL" column from a current utility bill. Multiply the usage amount by \$1.50 and add that to the total bill due balance.

TYPE OF SERVICE	SERVICE	SERVICE PERIOD		METER READING		LA CONTRACT
	FROM	ТО	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	1000 GAL	AMOUNT
WATER	01/30/15	02/27/15	716	710	6	26.34
SEWER					6	42.72
WCIP						9.00
SCIP						18.00

This example, under the current rate structure would result in a bill totaling \$96.06. In March 2016, this same rate of usage would result in a total bill of \$105.06.

Water CIP Rate Increase

The current Water CIP rate is not sufficient to provide funding to cover any planned or unforeseen infrastructure projects. The annual water debt service payment is \$520,371. In 2014, the Water CIP fee collected \$303,346. An additional \$217,000 in operational funds were used to meet debt service payments. The increase to the Water CIP rate in 2016 will sufficiently provide the needed funds to meet annual capital improvement costs.

It is the duty of the Utility Department to provide safe, reliable service and an excellent end product to our customers. It is our responsibility to operate all aspects of the Utility system, operationally and financially, while maintaining a successful business model.

If you have any questions about this increase, please contact the Nathan Coey, Utilities Director, at 740-964-6275 or ncoey@ci.pataskala.oh.us

Respectfully,

Nathan W. Coey

Pataskala Utilities Director

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