



CITY OF CONROE

Est. 1904

September 6, 2016

Dear Utility Customer,

As per the results of the City’s 2016 water and sewer rates study, prepared by NewGen Strategies & Solutions, as well as the FY 16-17 budget, the City must increase only its sewer rates beginning October 1, 2016. This sewer increase is necessary to cover the rising cost of maintaining our sewer system as well as to cover necessary improvements and modifications to our current infrastructures.

Below is a chart with current and new sewer rates to be implemented on October 1, 2016.

Residential and Sprinkler Rates

*Minimum monthly base charge by meter size (chart located on reverse side)

Water Usage Consumption (1,000 gallon units)	Current Rates (per thousand gallons)	New Rates (per thousand gallons)
1 – 3 (minimum charge)	*\$0.00	*\$0.00
4 – 10	\$2.56	\$2.56
11 – 15	\$3.15	\$3.15
16 – 25	\$3.74	\$3.74
26 – 35	\$4.27	\$4.27
36 & up	\$7.47	\$7.47

Non-Residential Rates

*Minimum monthly base charge by meter size (chart located on reverse side)

Water Usage Consumption (1,000 gallon units)	Current Rates (per thousand gallons)	New Rates (per thousand gallons)
1 – 3 (minimum charge)	*\$0.00	*\$0.00
4 – 10	\$2.79	\$2.79
11 – 15	\$3.29	\$3.29
16 – 25	\$3.91	\$3.91
26 – 35	\$4.46	\$4.46
36 – 150	\$7.81	\$7.81
151 & up	\$2.57	\$2.57

Sewer Rates (1,000 gallon units)	Current Rates (per thousand gallons)	New Rates (per thousand gallons)
1 – 3	\$23.25	\$25.58
4 & up	\$2.84	\$3.12
Residential only Maximum charge at 10,000 gal.	\$43.13	\$47.44

*Minimum monthly base charge by meter size

Base Rate	Current Rate	New Rate
5/8 inch	\$12.00	\$12.00
1 inch	\$18.00	\$18.00
1.5 inches	\$25.00	\$25.00
2 inches	\$35.00	\$35.00
3 inches	\$46.00	\$46.00
4 inches	\$65.00	\$65.00
6 inches	\$90.00	\$90.00
8 inches	\$145.00	\$145.00
10 inches	\$250.00	\$250.00

Lifeline Rates – Over 65 and /or Disabled	Rates 2015-2016	Lifeline Rates 2015- 2016
Minimum Monthly base, meter – 5/8 inches	\$12.00	\$9.00
Water Rates (1,000 gallon units)		
1 – 3 (minimum base charge)	\$0.00	\$0.00
4 – 10	\$2.56	\$2.05
11 – 15	\$3.15	\$2.68
16 – 25	\$3.74	\$3.74
26 – 35	\$4.27	\$4.27
36 & up	\$7.47	\$7.47
Sewer Rates (1,000 gallon units)		
1 – 3	\$23.25	\$17.44
4 & up	\$2.84	\$2.27
Residential only Maximum charge at 10,000 gal.	\$43.13	\$33.34
Flat Rate – no meter	\$43.13	\$33.34

Beginning in FY 09-10, the City implemented a surface water conversion fee as a part of the agreement with the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) for the reduction of groundwater usage and transition to surface water as primary source of water. For FY 16-17, the fee will be reduced to \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons consumed. This is a 10 cent per 1,000 gallon reduction. This rate reduction is possible due to the extensive efforts to minimize water loss and unbilled water, as well as a re-evaluation of the distribution between surface water cost and pumpage fees from the San Jacinto River Authority.

Additionally, the City passes on to customers the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District fee of \$0.06 per 1,000 gallons consumed. The fee funds the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District. The Districts mission is to conserve, protect and enhance the groundwater in Montgomery County.

Please visit our website at www.cityofconroe.org for more information and further details on how these rates are calculated on your monthly bill. You may also click on the “Water Conservation” tab for tips on how to conserve water.

Sincerely,

Utility Billing Department