

Fairborn Utility Rates 2010

How will the increase effect you?

On January 4, 2010, the Fairborn City Council voted to increase the water and sewer rates, effective February 2010. The following information will give you an overview of the increase.

Water Rates

Last Increase	February 1, 2009
Previous Rate	\$1.93/100 cu.ft. plus \$5.25/administrative fee*
New Rate	\$2.12/100 cu. ft. plus \$5.25 administrative fee*

Sewer Rates

Last Increase	February 1, 2009
Previous Rate	\$3.44/100 cu. ft. plus \$5.25/administrative fee*
New Rate	\$3.61/100 cu. ft. plus \$5.25/administrative fee*

A residential water and sewer bill based on water consumption of 1,000 cubic feet per month, will increase from \$64.20 per month to \$67.80 per month. **There is no increase in trash removal, which remains at \$16.85 per month.**

* based on 5/8" residential meter

Why is the increase necessary?

The City's water and sewer activities are accounted for in separate enterprise funds of the City. By charter provision the water and sewer operations are required to be self-supporting. Therefore, they are fully funded by the usage fees billed to our water and sewer customers and are not subsidized with property or income taxes.

Over the years, the City has attempted to maintain the cost of service to our citizens. However, to meet Ohio EPA standards, assure sufficient capacity and provide increased operational efficiency, upgrades to our water distribution/treatment and sewer collection/treatment facilities are necessary.

In 2002, Environmental Rate Consultants, Inc. conducted a water & sewer rate study for the City of Fairborn. The study analyzed the budgets of the water and sewer funds, billing and collection data, and the projected capital improvements to our infrastructure over a 15 year period and, based on their findings, created the foundation for our current rate structure. A rate model is used annually that factors in current and future budgets, planned capital improvements, and debt service in order to arrive at revised rate projections that ensure the water and sewer operations remain self-supporting.

Infrastructure needs and more stringent EPA standards are facing cities and counties all over the country. The City has been very progressive about meeting these challenges but will need to continue to improve and upgrade the facilities to replace aging infrastructure and meet current standards.

From well field development and water storage tanks to improving the operational efficiency of the sanitary sewer system, the City faces multi-million dollar projects for several years to come. The following table provides the projected costs of the water and sewer improvements in our Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as of the date of this publication.

Water Improvements

Year	Cost
2010	\$ 496,000
2011	\$ 1,520,000
2012	\$ 590,000
2013	\$ 2,200,000
2014	\$ 3,235,000
Total	\$ 8,041,000

Sewer Improvements

Year	Cost
2010	\$ 675,500
2011	\$ 3,824,500
2012	\$ 498,500
2013	\$ 3,405,500
2014	\$ 3,215,500
Total	\$11,619,500

How Does Fairborn Compare?

Locality	Monthly Rate *
Wilmington	\$ 88.85
Cedarville	85.80
Beavercreek	85.80
Greene County	85.80
Bellbrook	80.19
Yellow Springs	80.00
Centerville	76.37
Kettering	76.37
Moraine	76.37
Riverside	76.37
New Carlisle	75.23
Waynesville	73.10
Trotwood	72.71
New Lebanon	71.55
Mason	69.43
Fairborn (2010)	67.80
Franklin	64.10
West Carrollton	62.59
Tipp City	60.81
Xenia	59.00
Oakwood	58.78
Brookville	57.63
Vandalia	54.75
Huber Heights	52.99
Dayton	50.10
Englewood	43.13
Miamisburg	37.90

* Based on 2009 Oakwood survey using 1,000 cu. ft. per month.



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