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May 23, 2016

As the Administrator for the City of Pickens, I have the responsibility to ensure water and sewer fees are established to provide for the effective, efficient and safe operation of our utility systems. The City's water and sewer systems are an enterprise operation, which means the facilities, operation, and maintenance of the systems are fully supported by the water and sewer fees paid by the users and not subsidized by the City's General Fund.

Unfortunately, a rate increase is needed to help the City continue to make improvements to the utility systems. Improvements include (1) more timely and effective maintenance of the 138 miles of water lines and 40 miles of sewer lines that we are responsible for, (2) implementing ongoing DHEC mandates and best practices, (3) continual fire hydrant maintenance & testing and (4) the ability to handle the increasing number of utility locates for construction activities.

For 3/4" meter customers (which includes residential & most small businesses), the current and new rates are outlined on the back page and on the City's website at [www.cityofpickens.com](http://www.cityofpickens.com). The new rates become effective with the bills mailed in July 2016. For large meters (1" or larger), there is a significant increase but the new rates are comparable to industry standards and the new large meter rates help ensure the reliability and capacity of our water and sewer services. The large meter rates become effective with the bills mailed in August 2016 and they can be found on the City's website.

Our focus on providing quality water and sewer systems continues to include the following:

- ◆ Continual Improvement of Consumer Confidence in our Services
- ◆ Protection of Public Health (providing safe and healthy drinking water and protecting our natural resources)
- ◆ Adequate Water Pressure and Quantity to Fight Fires
- ◆ Community's Overall Quality of Life

The City is proud the water and sewer rates have not increased since January 2011. The City is working to maintain a good balance between the financial impact to our customers and having the revenue needed to meet our water and sewer needs. Between this year's increase and a similar 3/4" meter rate increase next year, we hope this balance is appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Evilsizor', written in a cursive style.

Bruce Evilsizor, City Administrator



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Effective with the July 2016 billing, water and sewer rates are established as follows:

<b>INSIDE CITY 3/4" Meter</b>	<b>CURRENT (established Jan 2011)</b>	<b>July 2016 Billing</b>
Water Base (3000 Gallons)	\$23.50	\$25.50
Sewer Base (3000 Gallons)	\$20.50	\$22.50
Water Volume (per 1000 Gals)	\$3.50	\$3.50
Sewer Volume (per 1000 Gals)	\$3.20	\$3.50
Sanitation	\$9.50	\$9.50
<b>Total Utility Bill (3000 Gallon Minimum)</b>	<b>\$53.50</b>	<b>\$57.50</b>

<b>OUTSIDE CITY 3/4" Meter</b>	<b>CURRENT (established Jan 2011)</b>	<b>July 2016 Billing</b>
Water Base (3000 Gallons)	\$36.00	\$38.00
Sewer Base (3000 Gallons; if applicable)	\$70.00	\$70.00
Water Volume (per 1000 Gals)	\$4.00	\$4.00
Sewer Volume (per 1000 Gals; if applicable)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Sanitation	\$19.00	\$19.00

For customers with meters larger than ¾", please visit our website at [cityofpickens.com](http://cityofpickens.com) for the new rates which are effective with the August 2016 billing.

EFFECTIVE STARTING WITH AUGUST 2016 BILLING

**Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—1" Meter**

<b>1" Meter</b>	<b>Inside City</b>	<b>Outside City</b>
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$29.50 per month	\$46.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$29.50 per month	\$70.00 per month
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons</b>	\$59.00 per month	\$116.00 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$10.00 per unit

**Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—1.5" Meter**

<b>1.5" Meter</b>	<b>Inside City</b>	<b>Outside City</b>
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$61.50 per month	\$78.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$61.50 per month	\$120.00 per month
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons</b>	\$123.00 per month	\$198.00 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$10.00 per unit

**Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—2" Meter**

<b>2" Meter</b>	<b>Inside City</b>	<b>Outside City</b>
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$94.00 per month	\$114.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$94.00 per month	\$175.00 per month
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons</b>	\$188.00 per month	\$289.00 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$10.00 per unit

**Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—3" Meter**

<b>3" Meter</b>	<b>Inside City</b>	<b>Outside City</b>
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$194.00 per month	\$214.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$194.00 per month	N/A
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons</b>	\$388.00 per month	N/A
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	N/A

**Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—4" Meter**

<b>4" Meter</b>	<b>Inside City</b>	<b>Outside City</b>
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$294.00 per month	\$314.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$294.00 per month	N/A
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons</b>	\$588.00 per month	N/A
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	N/A

**Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—6" Meter**

<b>6" Meter</b>	<b>Inside City</b>	<b>Outside City</b>
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$588.00 per month	\$608.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	\$588.00 per month	N/A
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons</b>	\$1,176.00 per month	N/A
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	\$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$3.50 per unit	N/A

**Water Base Rate & Usage Charges—Wholesale Meter (Reseller of City Water)**

<b>Wholesale Meter</b>	<b>Wholesale Customer</b>
4" Water Base Rate--up to 50,000 Gallons	\$294.00 per month
6" Water Base Rate--up to 50,000 Gallons	\$588.00 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	\$1.35 per unit