

New Meadows is an awesome place to live!

- **The most important asset we have is the way we live together as a community**

**WE ARE A
COMMUNITY**

We are surrounded by amazing natural resources which have been used for generations to improve our quality of life and maintain more than just an existence.



We have a legacy of intentional, diligent ancestors who built much of what we enjoy through labor and perseverance.

We can leave a legacy of intentional, diligent planning that will provide for enjoyment of our community and resources for generations to follow.

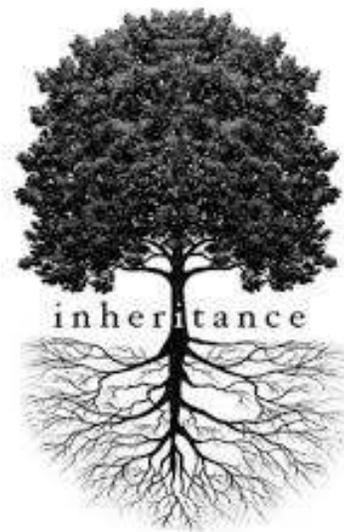
**WE HAVE BEEN
ENTRUSTED WITH
THE FUTURE OF OUR
COMMUNITY**

**WE ARE FACED WITH A
CHALLENGE**

**The foundational
infrastructure of our water
and sewer system is in need
of repair and/or replacement.**

**We must begin funding
for this foundational need.**

**That which we
have inherited
needs our
attention so we
can leave an
adequate
inheritance for
those who
follow.**



**We know the foundational
issues cannot be changed
over night,**

**BUT WE MUST BEGIN
SOMEWHERE!!!**

We have taken steps:

**Beginning development of land app to
reduce discharge penalties**

**Procurement of grants and loan to
cover 90% of the land app cost**

**Review of all capital projects current
and future with expenses for all facets
of the project noted.**

**We experience this
in all other areas of our economy:
You pay a certain amount
for each gallon of gas pumped.
You pay a certain amount
for each bottle of water purchased.
You pay a certain amount for each meal you buy.**

**These amounts are a combination of the cost of
the product, overhead costs and the inevitable
cost of repair/replacement of capital assets.**

- ANY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS
MUST CONSIDER**
- 1. COST OF SERVICE/PRODUCT**
 - 2. COST OF OVERHEAD**
 - 3. DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS**

**THE AMOUNT CHARGED FOR THE
SERVICE/PRODUCT MUST REFLECT
THESE ITEMS OR THE BUSINESS WILL
FAIL!**

**LET'S
TALK
WATER**

The current cost to provide water services is not being covered by the revenue received.

The current state of the water infrastructure is in desperate need of repair and/or replacement.

We can begin making small, but significant changes to correct these issues.

The proposed change in water rate structure has three purposes:

- 1. Give water users the ability to see and control how much water is used.**
- 2. Get closer to the per gallon cost of providing water.**
- 3. Provide a revenue stream for the infrastructure maintenance costs that can no longer be ignored.**

WHEN YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WATER YOU USE YOU CAN:

- Identify leaks and high consumption areas more readily
- Make personalized, individual decisions regarding how you use your water
- Track the changes in water usage during different times of the year
- Install high efficiency, low consumption plumbing fixtures to alleviate unnecessary water use.
- Work with other members of your community to conserve water when needed
- Make choices regarding landscaping and irrigation because you know how much it costs for each gallon.

CURRENTLY, THE CHARGE FOR EVERY GALLON USED UNDER 3,000 GALLONS IS OVER 5 TIMES MORE THAN THE CHARGE FOR EVERY GALLON USED OVER 3,000 GALLONS.

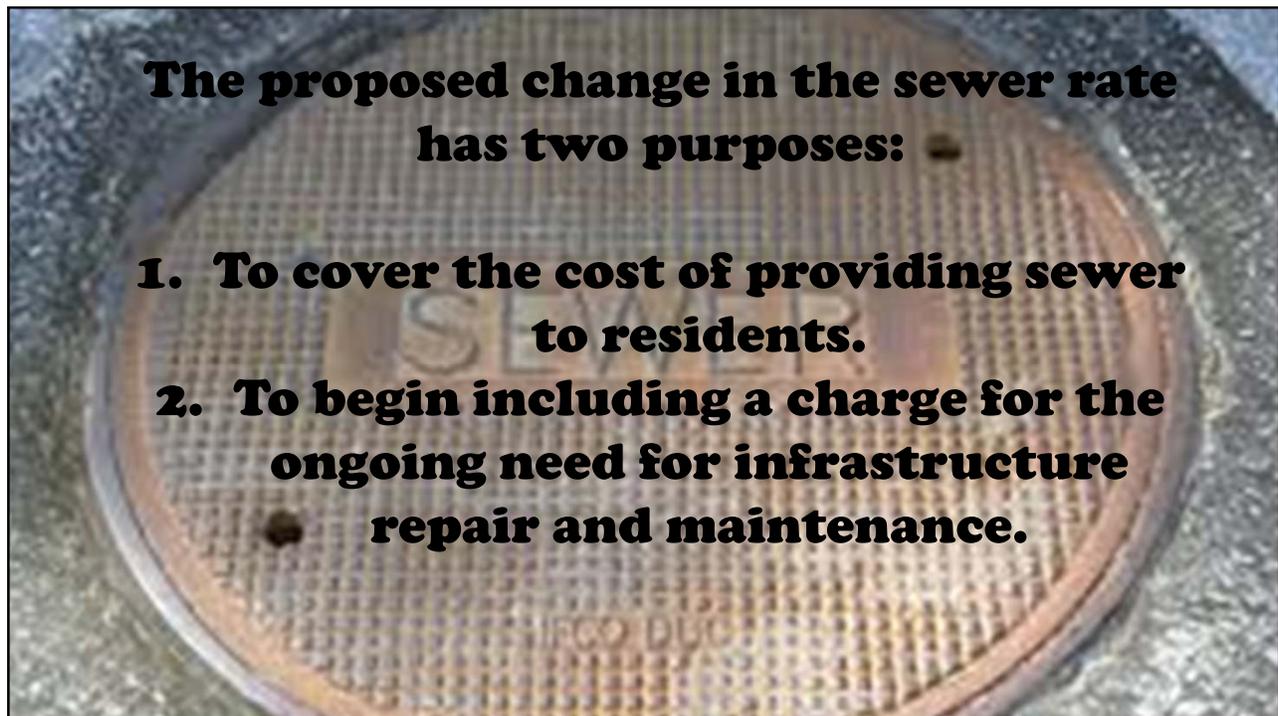
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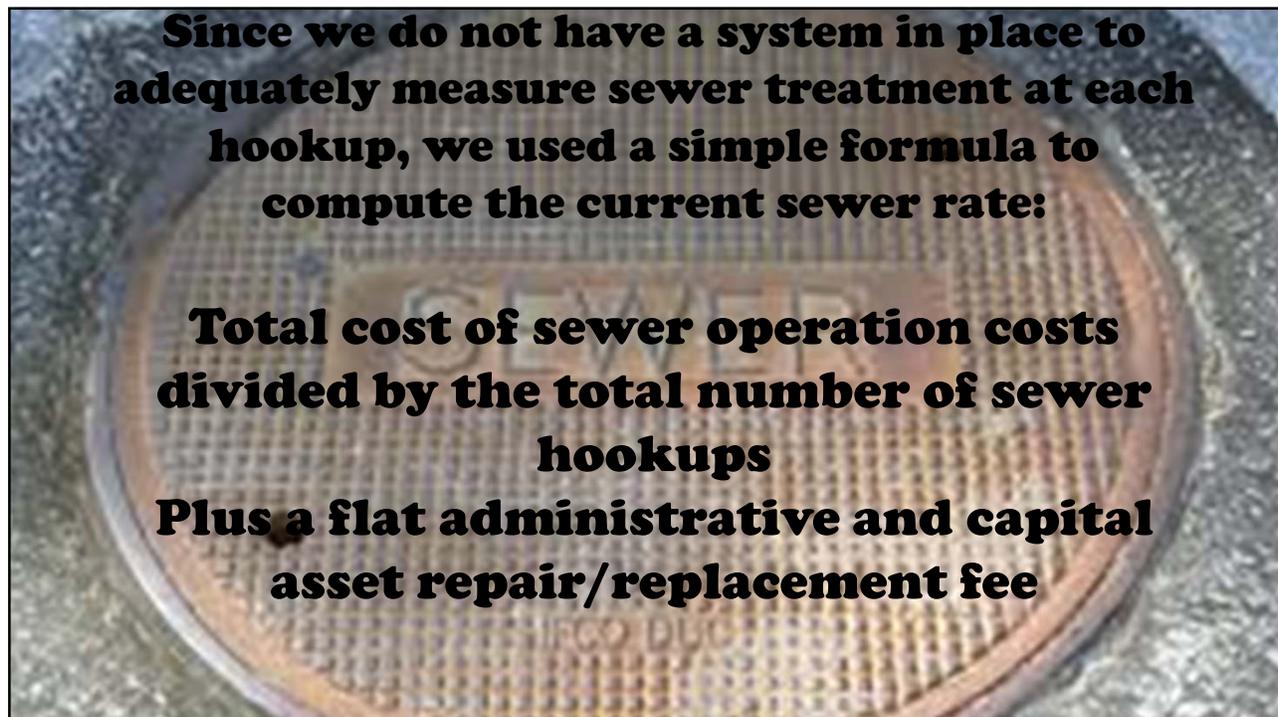
THE COST TO PROVIDE EACH GALLON, WHETHER 1 OR 3,001, OR 10,001 IS THE SAME.

Water Rates	Current	Proposed
Cost per gallon for 1 to 3,000 gallons	.01133333	.01
Cost per gallon for 3001 or more gallons	.00225	.01
Charge for administrative costs	0	\$2.50
Charge for infrastructure repair/maintenance	0	.85

THIS CHANGE TO A FLAT RATE, PER GALLON
 CHARGE
 AND THE ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION OF
 THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CAPITAL
 IMPROVEMENT COSTS
 IS A STEP CLOSER TO CLOSING THE GAP
 BETWEEN WHAT IT COSTS TO PROVIDE WATER
 SERVICE
 AND THE REVENUE THAT IS GENERATED.

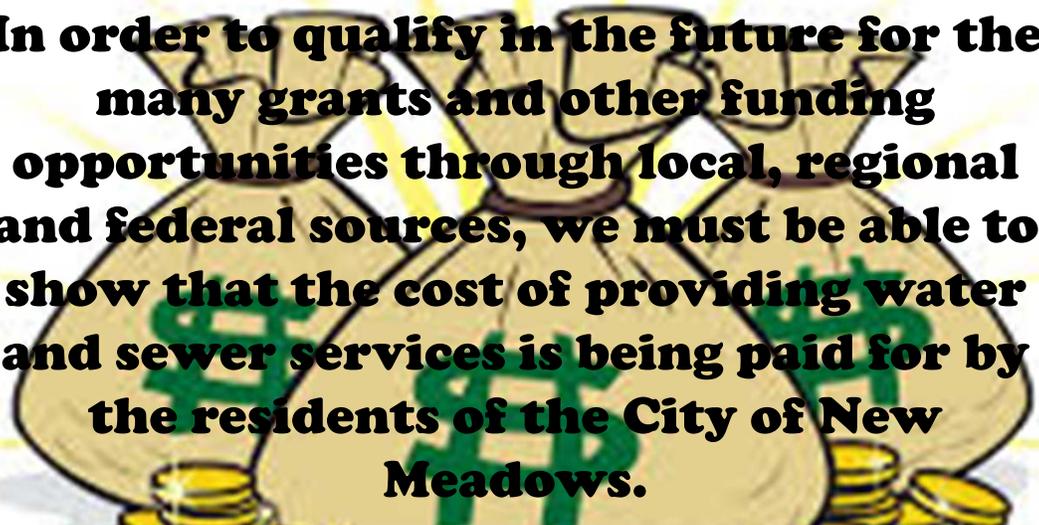
Current average gasoline cost	\$2.39 - \$3.03 per gallon
Current average propane cost	\$1.32 - \$1.79 per gallon
Current average cost for bottled water	\$5.87 per gallon
Current average cost for beer	\$10.08 per gallon
Current average cost for milk	\$3.49 per gallon
Current average cost for soda	\$2.75 per gallon
Proposed cost for water, delivered to your home, purer than most bottled water, available to you 24/7	1 cent per gallon





Sewer Rates	Current	Proposed
Base Rate		
Winter Cost		
for up to 3,000 gallons	\$36.00	\$47.10
Cost per additional 1,000 gallons of water usage	\$ 2.35	0
Summer Cost		
for up to 7,000 gallons	\$36.00	\$47.10
Cost per additional 1,000 gallons of water usage	\$ 2.35	0
Charge for administrative costs	0	\$2.50
Charge for infrastructure repair/maintenance	0	.41

One more reason for the change:



In order to qualify in the future for the many grants and other funding opportunities through local, regional and federal sources, we must be able to show that the cost of providing water and sewer services is being paid for by the residents of the City of New Meadows.

The New Meadows City Council has spent many hours working to create a fee structure that will take the first step in bringing the City of New Meadows back into a solid, sound financial environment.

WE HAVE :

- **Budgeted for depreciation in all applicable departments!**
- **Developed a fee structure that will begin funding repair/replacement of infrastructure issues**
- **Created a working list of projects needing attention and a complete breakdown of the expenses involved.**

We have the opportunity to keep our community functional and growing!

