

# City of New Meadows Water / Sewer Rate Structure Changes

November 24, 2015

Dear Rate Payer –

This month’s bill due in December will show a credit equal to the base rate billed in November. The reason for this credit is the city has always billed the month in advance for the base rate and charged in arrears for usage (water pumped). You will also notice your bill change this month showing the new billing structure.

Water will now be charged at a penny per gallon; a monthly Water Administrative Fee of \$2.50 and a monthly fee for capital improvements of 85 cents. For example, a customer charge for one thousand gallons pumped would be \$13.35.

Sewer will now be charged a flat rate of \$47.10 plus a Sewer Administrative fee of \$2.50 and a 41 cent charge for capital improvements. Total will be \$50.01. The sewer rate will not change with increased water usage as it has in the past.

Customers who have a water meter in the ground, but no serviceable structure, will be assessed \$9.85 per month. Those same customers who have a sewer connection in the ground as well will be charged \$10.21 per month, for a total of \$20.26 per idle connection. These customers previously only paid the “Bond Costs”.

Regular Customer - EXAMPLE			Idle Customer - EXAMPLE		
Gallons Pumped (Water)	1000	\$10.00	Water Idle Connection Fee		\$6.50
Water Admin Fee		\$2.50	Water Admin Fee		\$2.50
Water Capital Improvement Fee		\$0.85	Water Capital Improvement Fee		\$0.85
Sewer Flat Fee		\$47.10	Sewer Idle Connection Fee		\$7.30
Sewer Admin Fee		\$2.50	Sewer Admin Fee		\$2.50
Sewer Capital Improvement Fee		\$0.41	Sewer Capital Improvement Fee		\$0.41
<b>Total Due Regular Customer Monthly</b>		<b>\$63.36</b>	<b>Total Due Idle Customer Monthly</b>		<b>\$20.26</b>

With the new rate structure it is very important that if you have changes to your account (like a landlord / tenant relationship changed or selling your property) notify the city immediately so that we can make the appropriate adjustments. Also, if you suspect you have a leak to your property, notify us immediately and we can investigate and help determine what needs to be done.

There are other charges you may want to keep in mind. The city charges a \$150 deposit for each new residential customer who is not the property owner. Additionally there is a \$7.00 monthly charge for late fees if the bill is not paid in full by the delinquent date (26<sup>th</sup> of each month).

The New Meadows City Council, Mayor and City Staff have done extensive research, held several public meetings and a public hearing over the past year to formulate these rates and change them to an actual cost per gallon while addressing the dire need to replace the city’s water and sewer infrastructure.

You can help us to reduce costs too! We can email your bill to you monthly which helps the city save money. Nearly half of our monthly customers receive their bills in this manner already! Send an email to [cityclerk@newmeadowsidaho.us](mailto:cityclerk@newmeadowsidaho.us) with this request.

We do hope that you have a very **Happy Holiday Season.**