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NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE WATER RATES

We understand an annual increase seems to have become a continuous event; however, the board strongly feels increasing the rates annually in smaller increments is a much better option than waiting several years and raising the rates 10% to 20% to create a balanced budget.

Raising the rates was no easy decision made by our Board of Directors considering the current economic climate. The board reviewed the long-range plan to assure compliance with all requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which include their assessment fee on sales and annual regulatory fees and backwash permits, storm preparedness to maintain proper pressures on the system in the event of an outage, additional testing for nitrate, lead and copper, along with the monthly bacteriological samples and the samples from the backwash water at our water wells to name only a few. The price of chemicals and repair items had a major increase in price this year. The overall inflation costs for next year for our supplies do not show signs of leveling off. Line items were shaved and projects postponed, however in the end a rate increase will be necessary to create a balanced budget. After consideration of the proposed budget for 2022, the Board of Directors adopted a rate increase at the regular meeting held on October 19, 2021. The rate increase will be effective January 1, 2022 and will first appear on your March 1, 2022 billing. The consumer using 5,000 gallons monthly, the increase would be \$1.00 monthly. The Board also approve an increase in the new meter installation fees effective January 1, 2022. The capital improvement fee will increase from \$2,600 to \$3,000, therefore the new meter install will increase from \$3,600 to \$4,000.

The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the GCWSC office located at 2000 Waelder Road in Gonzales, beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to discuss this increase or express your concerns, we invite you to attend this meeting. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The Availability Charge will be as follows:

	Current Rate	New Rate
Rate Code 1 (Standard 5/8" x 3/4" Meter)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.50
Rate Code 5 (Full 3/4" Meter)	\$ 70.00	\$ 71.00
Rate Code 6 (1" Meter)	\$105.00	\$106.50
Rate Code 3 (1 1/2" Meter)	\$210.00	\$213.00
Rate Code 4 (2" Meter)	\$280.00	\$284.00

The Water Rate Charge for all rate codes will be as follows:

	Current Rate	New Rate
Per thousand, first 20,000 gallons	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.70
Per thousand, next 80,000 gallons	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.80
Per thousand, next 150,000 gallons	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.90
Per thousand, next 250,000 gallons	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.00
Per thousand, over 500,000 gallons	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.20