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**Water/Wastewater Rates for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

The City of Alvin continues to make improvements identified in the Comprehensive Plan, Utility Master Plan, and the corresponding Capital Improvement Program. The Utility Master Plan identified approximately \$92M in utility projects to be completed over the next 20 years. These improvements are necessary to replace aging infrastructure, improve efficiency, provide for future growth, and keep the City in compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations.

In May 2016, the City engaged Freese & Nichols Inc. to perform a water & wastewater rate study to develop a multi-year plan of rate increases that would provide sufficient revenue to implement the first 5 years of capital improvements identified in the Utility Master Plan. The total projected cost for the first five years of water & wastewater projects is approximately \$42M, and include:

- Construction of a 54" Eastside Interceptor from Bypass 35 to the WWTP.
- Lift Station Expansions/Rehabilitations
- Hwy 35 Bypass Gravity Main
- Waterline Improvements, and
- Ground Storage Tank Replacements

In February 2017, the City held a City Council workshop in which Freese and Nichols Inc. presented the results of a water and wastewater rate study. The study identified the need to increase water & wastewater rates to implement the first five years of improvements identified in the Utility Master plan.

On June 15, 2017, City Council approved Ordinance 17-J, adopting a 5-year schedule of water and wastewater rates, as recommended by Freese and Nichols Inc.

October 1, 2019 (FY20) begins the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 5-year water & wastewater rate schedule. For FY20, a residential customer using 5,000 gallons of water and wastewater in a month will see an approximate \$12.40 increase in water and wastewater charges, taking the average monthly cost for the use of 5,000 gallons of water and wastewater from \$61.86 to \$74.27.

More information on the various improvements funded by water/wastewater revenue can be found in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan located at [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) under the Engineering Department tab.

<b>5-YEAR WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE</b>					
<b>WATER RATES</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Base up to 2,000 gallons					
Residential	\$12.95	\$15.15	\$18.18	\$19.27	\$20.43
Commercial	\$13.59	\$15.90	\$19.09	\$20.23	\$21.44
Per 1,000 (2,001–7,000)	\$3.31	\$3.87	\$4.65	\$4.93	\$5.22
Per 1,000 (7,001–above)	\$5.05	\$5.91	\$7.09	\$7.52	\$7.97

<b>WASTEWATER RATES</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Base up to 2,000 gallons					
Residential	\$20.08	\$23.49	\$28.19	\$29.88	\$31.68
Commercial	\$20.66	\$24.17	\$29.00	\$30.74	\$32.59
Per 1,000 (2,001–above)	\$3.31	\$3.87	\$4.65	\$4.93	\$5.22