

TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 17

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Re: 2020 District Rate Study Adoption

Dear Customers,

Water District 17 has always worked hard to provide water and waste water service at reasonable prices while encouraging conservation and ensuring that those customers who use more service pay for it fairly. Our rates for typical usage have always been among the lowest of our local utility counterparts and we have not approved a new rate study since 2013.

Following a full review of our expenses, service costs and revenue requirements our Board of Directors has approved a new rate study that will guide our rate setting process for the next five years. This rate study was conducted by an outside consultant who worked closely with District Staff as well as a review committee, over the past 18 months, to ensure that our rates of service are set as reasonable as possible while meeting our revenue requirements for current and future needs.

The Board is proud to announce that through a consistent commitment to fiscal conservation, cost cutting measures where possible and prudent use of allocated funds, our current revenues will be sufficient to meet our water cost of service requirements. Accordingly, there will be no water rate increases under this rate study.

For those District customers who receive waste water service from one of the three affected waste water processing facilities, there will be targeted rate increases to cover cost of services. These cost increases will ensure the customers of these facilities are paying their fair share of these services while providing for the collection systems and plant maintenance, as well as operational expenses. Attached you will find a breakdown of these rate increases as well as how they will affect the average user's monthly bill.

We realize that it is sometimes hard to make ends meet in today's world and we will continue to do everything we can to look for ways to control costs and increase efficiency. Should you have any questions concerning these waste water rate increases, or any of our rates, please contact our office at 512-266-1111 ext. 115 or by email at <u>lsandlin@gmail.com</u>.

Jason F. Homan General Manager



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2021 Waste Water Volumetric Rate Increases

The District wide water rate will stay constant for 2021 and all waste water base rates will also stay constant for 2021. Waste Water Volumetric rate increases will take effect on your February Bill and are outlined for each affected service area below:

Steiner Ranch Waste Water System:

FY 2020 Volumetric Rate = \$2.86/1000 gallons

FY 2021 Volumetric Rate = \$4.04/1000 gallons

Flintrock Falls Waste Water System:

FY 2020 Volumetric Rate = \$2.86/1000 gallons

FY 2021 Volumetric Rate = \$5.67/1000 gallons

Comanche Canyon Waste Water System:

FY 2020 Volumetric Rate = \$4.50/1000 gallons

FY 2021 Volumetric Rate = \$6.07/1000 gallons

Reclaimed Water Rate:

FY 2020 Volumetric Rate = \$1.40/1000 gallons

FY 2021 Volumetric Rate = \$1.75/1000 gallons

(Assuming the volumetric usage is at the District winter average of 8,000 gallons per day on a 5/8" meter.)

Steiner Ranch 2021 Waste Water Rate Comparison (8,000gpd waste water average)

SR FY 2020 Example Bill	SR FY 2021 Example Bill
Water:	Water:
2020 Base Rate = \$17.00/m	2021 Base Rate = \$17.00/m
2020 Volumetric Rate = \$2.10/1k	2021 Volumetric Rate = \$2.10/1k
2020 Water Total = \$33.80	2021 Water Total = \$33.80
Waste Water:	Waste Water:
2020 Base Rate = \$28.00/m	2021 Base Rate = \$28.00/m
2020 Volumetric Rate = \$2.86/1k	2021 Volumetric Rate = \$4.04/1k
2020 Waste Water Total = \$50.88	2021 Waste Water Total = \$60.32
2020 Total Monthly Bill = \$84.68	2021 Total Monthly Bill = \$94.12 (\$9.44 Increase)



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Flintrock 2021 Waste Water Rate Comparison (8,000gpd waste water average)

FR FY 2020 Example Bill	FR FY 2021 Example Bill
Water:	Water:
2020 Base Rate = \$17.00/m	2021 Base Rate = \$17.00/m
2020 Volumetric Rate = \$2.10/1k	2021 Volumetric Rate = \$2.10/1k
2020 Water Total = \$33.80	2021 Water Total = \$33.80
Waste Water:	Waste Water:
2020 Base Rate = \$28.00/m	2021 Base Rate = \$28.00/m
2020 Volumetric Rate = \$2.86/1k	2021 Volumetric Rate = \$5.67/1k
2020 Waste Water Total = \$50.88	2021 Waste Water Total = \$73.36
2020 Total Monthly Bill = \$84.68	2021 Monthly Total Bill = \$107.16 (\$22.48 Increase)

Comanche Canyon Ranch 2021 Waste Water Rate Comparison

(8,000gpd waste water average)

CCR FY 2020 Example Bill	CCR FY 2021 Example Bill
Water:	Water:
2020 Base Rate = \$17.00/m	2021 Base Rate = \$17.00/m
2020 Volumetric Rate = \$2.10/1k	2021 Volumetric Rate = \$2.10/1k
2020 Water Total = \$33.80	2021 Water Total = \$33.80
Waste Water:	Waste Water:
2020 Base Rate = \$38.00/m	2021 Base Rate = \$38.00/m
2020 Volumetric Rate = \$4.50/1k	2021 Volumetric Rate = \$6.07/1k
2020 Waste Water Total = \$74.00	2021 Waste Water Total = \$86.56
2020 Total Monthly Bill = \$107.80	2021 Total Monthly Bill = \$120.36 (\$12.56 Increase)