



## Wastewater, Water, and Stormwater Rate Information

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### Wastewater

In November 2020, the City of Mount Vernon Utilities Commission recommended a wastewater rate increase to City Council; it was passed by Council on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and will take effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The increase will be 15% of the current cubic feet charge for the next three years. Rates will be reviewed annually by City Council and adjusted if necessary. The rate increase is needed to help reduce budgetary deficits, fund much needed infrastructure updates, and address costs associated with the Ohio EPA-mandated phosphorus removal and Clinton Road Sanitary Sewer Overflow elimination projects.

Effective Date	% Rate Increase per 100 Cubic Feet
March 1, 2021	15%
January 1, 2022	15%
January 1, 2023	15%

### Water

The minimum water fee in the city limits is \$23.76 (400 cubic feet at a rate of \$5.94/100 cubic feet). The water fees collected are used to operate the Water Treatment Plant and fund water infrastructure projects. In 2020, the revenue from fees collected ensured the completion of the Newark Road and Dixie Drive waterline extension, the Venture Drive waterline extension, and the Northwest neighborhood waterline improvements projects. The department is now kicking off 2022 by replacing a water line along North Sandusky Street.

### Stormwater

The Stormwater Utility went into effect in July 2020 at \$4.00/month per 1 ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit). This charge increased to \$5.00/ERU in January 2021, and increased to \$6.00/ERU in January 2022, where it will remain unless adjusted by City Council. Residential landowners pay for 1 ERU per month and commercial properties pay based on their square footage over 1 ERU (1 ERU=2,900 square feet). This charge allows the City to have a consistent budget that is allocated strictly to projects related to stormwater infrastructure. Before this utility, Stormwater projects took approximately 40% of the Street Department budget. Stormwater charges will be used to meet stormwater regulatory requirements and provide drainage and flooding mitigation improvements. The key aspect of this utility is that it will allow the City to become proactive instead of reactive when it comes to the repair and maintenance of the stormwater system.

### Want to learn more?

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