

NOTICE

WATER RATES WILL INCREASE IN JANUARY

Built more than 50 years ago, our water treatment plant was long overdue for necessary improvements. While there are no problems with our water quality, a major DHEC-required rehabilitation project is underway to enable the City to be able to continue to produce excellent water for the future.

Council voted in 2010 on a \$10 increase to be phased in over two years to make it easier on our citizens. There was a \$5 increase January 1st of last year and there will be a \$5 increase beginning January 1, 2012. Even though this increase was unavoidable, please keep in mind that Council was able to scale back from a \$16 million dollar project to a \$4 million project.

Water bills which you receive in February will reflect a rate increase effective January 1, 2012.

Residential and Commercial Water Rates Inside Pickens City

Limits

First 3,000 gallons	\$23.50
Over 3,000 gallons	3.50 per 1,000 gal.

Residential and Commercial Water Rates Outside Pickens City

Limits

First 3,000 gallons	36.00
Over 3,000 gallons	4.00 per 1,000 gal.

Residential and Commercial Sewer Rates

First 3,000 gallons	20.50
Over 3,000 gallons	3.20 per 1,000 gal.

The new rates will be applied to your meter reading for January,

and your February bill will reflect the new rates.