



December 7, 2010

**Re: Multi-tier Rate Increase Information**

Dear Pataskala Utility Customer:

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of the upcoming City of Pataskala Utility Department Water and Sewer Rate Increases that will become effective on February 1, 2011.

In 2010, the City of Pataskala entered into an agreement with our engineering firm W.E.STILSON Consulting Group to conduct a Water/Sewer Rate Study. The goal of the rate study was, "To balance the expense of operation and maintenance of Pataskala Water and Sewer systems with current and projected revenue". Unfortunately, following the completion of this study it was determined water and sewer rates would need to increase to meet this goal.

On November 1, 2010 Pataskala City Council adopted a Multi-tier rate increase that would generate the necessary revenue to maintain our operations and maintenance and address aging infrastructure. The City's goal is for the Utility department to function at the highest level of service and safety for our residents and businesses.

Why Multi-tier?

Pataskala's current rate structure is a non-complex, single-tiered rate for all customers regardless of usage. However, it is notable that utility systems are more heavily affected by larger users relative to small, residential users. **Costs such as chemicals, electricity, treatment byproduct disposal, etc. are greater for large users than small users.** Therefore, City Council chose to utilize a graduated rate structure with multiple tiers, which causes large users to pay a larger share of the cost of system operation.

The Multi-tier rate structure places emphasis on awareness of water consumption, and encourages conservation efforts by highlighting the fact that higher usage results in higher monthly bills. In your January 2011 bill the Utility department will include a pamphlet on water conservation to help in finding ways you may be able to conserve water in your home or business. Users that wish to track their water usage can simply check their meter reading at regular intervals. **The rate increase will take effect on February 1, 2011 and will be implemented on your March 15, 2011 due bill.** To help you understand and properly budget for this increase, see the table below of the Multi-tier rate structure with an example of how your water and/or sewer bills will be calculated.

## Water Rates

	<u>Level of Use</u>	<u>In Town Rate</u>	<u>Out of Town Rate</u>
(A)	0-3,000 Gallons (Minimum Bill)	\$ 3.61	\$ 5.42
(B)	3,001-6,000 Gallons	\$ 4.88	\$ 7.31
(C)	6,001-15,000 Gallons	\$ 5.60	\$ 8.40
(D)	15,001-50,000 Gallons	\$ 6.32	\$ 9.48
(E)	Above 50,000 Gallons	\$ 6.86	\$ 10.29

## Sewer Rates

	<u>Level of Use</u>	<u>In Town Rate</u>	<u>Out of Town Rate</u>
(A)	0-3,000 Gallons (Minimum Bill)	\$ 4.99	\$ 7.48
(B)	3,001-6,000 Gallons	\$ 5.99	\$ 8.98
(C)	6,001-15,000 Gallons	\$ 6.73	\$ 10.10
(D)	15,001-50,000 Gallons	\$ 7.48	\$ 11.22
(E)	Above 50,000 Gallons	\$ 8.23	\$ 12.34

### **Example of a bill calculation:**

An "In Town" customer would have a usage of 5,000 gallons per their monthly meter reading-that would place them in tier "B". They would then be charged \$ 4.88 per 1,000 gallon on their water and \$5.99 per 1,000 gallon on their sewer (see the above table). Per 1,000 gallon-cost of the combined water and sewer at the tier "B" rate would be \$10.87, which would then be multiplied by their usage for that month at 5,000 gallons for a total bill of \$54.35.

**Multi-dwelling customers should contact Stephanie Tallman at 740-927-5249 or [stallman@ci.pataskala.oh.us](mailto:stallman@ci.pataskala.oh.us) to discuss billing options for these types of establishments. A registration form MUST be completed and returned to the city by January 30, 2011 in order for multi-dwelling customers to be considered for those billing options.**

If you should have any questions, or if we can be of additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Tallman, Utility Billing Manager at 740-927-5249 or at [stallman@ci.pataskala.oh.us](mailto:stallman@ci.pataskala.oh.us), or Gina Kaetzel, Utility Billing Specialist at 740-964-6275 or at [gkaetzel@ci.pataskala.oh.us](mailto:gkaetzel@ci.pataskala.oh.us). For additional information please visit the City's website at [www.ci.pataskala.oh.us](http://www.ci.pataskala.oh.us).

Sincerely,

***Stephanie Tallman***

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