### FAIRBORN UTILITY RATES

# HOW WILL THE INCREASE EFFECT YOU?

On January 4, 2010, the Fairborn City Council authorized an increase to the water and sewer rates effective for February 2010 with scheduled increases in February of each of the years 2011 through 2014 thereafter. The following provides a summary of the increases effective February 1, 2014:

#### **Water Rates**

Previous Rate	\$2.57/100 cu.ft. plus
	\$5.25/administrative fee*
New Rate	\$2.70/100 cu. ft. plus
	\$5.25 administrative fee*

#### **Sewer Rates**

Previous Rate	\$4.18/100 cu. ft. plus
	\$5.25/administrative fee*
New Rate	\$4.26/100 cu. ft. plus
	\$5.25/administrative fee*

A residential water and sewer bill based on water consumption of 1,000 cubic feet per month will increase from \$78.00 per month to \$80.10 per month, a 2.7% increase.

## WHY IS THE INCREASE NECESSARY?

The City's water and sewer activities are accounted for in separate enterprise funds of the City. As stated in the Charter, the water and sewer operations are required to be self-supporting. They are fully funded by the usage fees billed to our water and sewer customers and are **not** subsidized with property or income taxes.

Over the years, the City has attempted to maintain the cost of service to our citizens. However, to meet Ohio EPA standards, ensure sufficient capacity and provide increased operational efficiency, upgrades to our water distribution/treatment and sewer collection/treatment facilities are necessary.

In 2002, Environmental Rate Consultants, Inc. conducted a water & sewer rate study for the City of Fairborn. The study analyzed the budgets of the water and sewer funds, billing and collection data, and the projected capital improvements to our infrastructure over a 15 year period and, based on their findings, created the foundation for our current rate structure. A rate model is used annually that factors in current and future budgets, planned capital improvements, and debt service in order to arrive at revised rate projections that ensure the water and sewer operations remain self-supporting.

Infrastructure needs and more stringent EPA standards are facing cities and counties all over the country. The City has been very progressive about meeting these challenges but will need to continue to improve and upgrade the facilities to replace aging infrastructure and meet current standards.

From well field development and water storage tanks to improving the operational efficiency of the sanitary sewer system, the City faces multi-million dollar projects for

several years to come. The following table provides the projected costs of the water and sewer improvements in



our Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as of the date of this publication.

### Water Improvements

Year	Cost
2014	\$ 5,465,000
2015	\$ 3,642,500
2016	\$ 2,842,500
2017	\$ 2,960,000
2018	<u>\$ 285,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$15,195,000

#### **Sewer Improvements**

Year	Cost
2014	\$ 8,660,792
2015	\$ 6,658,443
2016	\$ 2,512,788
2017	\$ 282,666
2018	\$ 778,300
<b>Total</b>	\$18,892,989

<sup>\*</sup> based on 5/8" residential meter

# HOW DOES FAIRBORN COMPARE?

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Monthly Rate*</b>
Beavercreek	\$97.99
Cedarville	\$97.99
Greene County	\$97.99
Bellbrook	\$91.61
Wilmington	\$88.85
Trotwood	\$89.15
Yellow Springs	\$88.97
New Lebanon	\$78.90
Urbana	\$78.42
Fairborn	\$78.00
Centerville	\$76.32
Kettering	\$76.32
Moraine	\$76.32
Riverside	\$76.32
West Carrollton	\$75.78
New Carlisle	\$75.23
West Carrollton	\$73.20
Miamisburg	\$73.73
Waynesville	\$73.10
Franklin	\$69.46
Tipp City	\$67.91
Xenia	\$67.50
Oakwood	\$63.89
Vandalia	\$61.71
Dayton	\$54.97
Huber Heights	\$52.99
Englewood	\$46.88

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 2013 Oakwood survey using 1,000 cu. ft. per month. Rates quoted are those in effect as of March 1, 2013.

