

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Russell Water & Sewer System

Effective March 1st, 2025

NEW WATER & SEWER RATES, Residential

	Current Rate	New Rate
Water, first 1,000 gallons	\$17.60	\$19.36
Water, per 1,000 gallons	\$6.60	\$7.92
Sewer, first 3,000 gallons	\$9.35	\$10.29
Sewer, per 1,000 gallons	\$3.30	\$3.63
Example Bill Increase <i>5,000 gallons usage + sewer</i> <i>(taxes and other fees not included)</i>	\$59.95	\$68.59

On January 13th, 2025 the Town of Russell City Council approved a 10% increase on the first 1,000 gallons of water as well as regularly monthly water and sewer related rates and fees, with a 20% increase on water usage over 1,000 gallons. This rate increase will take effect on bills due March 10th, 2025. This increase is a graduated step in anticipation of the results from the water and sewer rate analysis being performed by the Arkansas Rural Water Association. There may be a final increase when the results of the rate study are completed.

Arkansas state law, Act 605 of 2021, requires water and sewer utilities to perform rate studies a minimum of once every five (5) years with increases in rates as needed. The Town of Russell has not had a rate increase in many years. We will do our best to keep our residents' bills as low as possible while keeping the water system funded and complying with state laws and regulation.

Questions regarding this increase should be sent to townofrussell@gmail.com.