

# PUBLIC NOTICE OF INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Russell Water & Sewer System

Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## NEW RATES, residential

	Current Rate	New Rate
<b>Water, first 1,000 gallons</b>	\$16.00	\$17.60
<b>Water, per 1,000 gallons</b>	\$6.00	\$6.60
<b>Sewer, first 3,000 gallons</b>	\$8.50	\$9.35
<b>Sewer, per 1,000 gallons</b>	\$3.00	\$3.30
<b>Example Bill Increase</b> <i>5,000 gallons usage + sewer</i>	\$54.50	\$59.95

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Town of Russell City Council approved a 10% increase on all monthly water and sewer related rates and fees, which will take effect on bills due September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 second graduated increase if the rate study is not completed by the September 2024 city council meeting.

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](mailto:townofrussell@gmail.com).