



Water Rate Adjustment Approved by Cincinnati City Council

Amounts to 74¢ cents per month for average inside City water bill

Greater Cincinnati Water Works' mission is to provide customers within our regional communities a plentiful supply of the highest quality water and excellent services.

In order to continue delivering quality drinking water service to ratepayers, the Cincinnati City Council approved a 4% water rate increase which will be effective January 1, 2015.

The 4% rate increase will mean the cost to the average inside City customer for water service will increase 74¢ per month based on an average usage of 148.6 gallons per day.

Raising rates is unfortunately a reality given that the GCWW water system continues to get older and needs investment in order to keep delivering quality service to the community. Significantly greater costs impact GCWW in funding waterline replacements, meeting federal and state regulations, and purchasing supplies and equipment necessary to keep delivering clean, safe water every day.

GCWW maintains 3,100 miles of water mains. Many of the water lines that serve customers were originally installed over 100 years ago, and must be replaced to reduce the ongoing cost of repairs. GCWW's goal is to replace 1% of the existing pipes and other infrastructure each year. Old lines are being replaced with more durable materials to extend their useful life further into the future.

GCWW's cost reduction efforts such as fiscal management and cost savings realized through the Joint Utility initiative have kept water rates among the lowest in the region.

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