

Notice of New Water and Sewer Rates
City of Bellaire
Effective December 2006

City Council has approved new water and sewer rates for the City of Bellaire that are effective with your December 2006 consumption and will be reflected in the bill that you receive in January 2007.

The new rate structure is an essential part of the City's efforts to promote the wise use of our water resources. It was based on a detailed analysis of the Water and Sewer Utility's costs for providing water services and better reflects the actual cost of providing that service. The new water rate structure has two components: a minimum bill based on a customer's meter size which is reflective of the potential demand placed on the water system by a customer and a volumetric charge based on the actual water consumed by a customer. Likewise, the new sewer rate structure has two components: a minimum bill that helps to recover capital investment and a volumetric charge based on water consumption. Also, there will be the "winter averaging" component for residential customers. "Winter averaging" is calculated by averaging a resident's water consumption for the months of November, January, and February and using that average consumption as the basis on which the sewer volumetric charge is based for the following twelve months.

Please refer to the rate information on the reverse side to determine how the new rates will affect you. If you have any questions regarding the new rates, please call the City of Bellaire Utility Department at 713-662-8253.

City of Bellaire
Finance Department, Utility Billing

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Approved by City Council - 11-20-06
City of Bellaire**

WATER

Monthly Minimum Charge - based on water meter size

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8 - inch	\$4.48
3/4 - inch	\$4.48
1 - inch	\$11.20
1 1/2 - inch	\$22.40
2 - inch	\$35.84
3 - inch	\$71.69
4 - inch	\$123.21
6 - inch	\$252.25
8 - inch	\$380.80

Volumetric Rates - per 1000 gallons

<u>Residential</u>	
0 - 2000	\$1.50
2001 - 9000	\$2.50
9000+	\$3.50
<u>Commercial</u>	
0 - 75000	\$2.75
75000+	\$3.50
<u>Irrigation</u>	
0 - 75000	\$3.50
75000+	\$4.00

SEWER

Monthly Minimum Charge - \$6.03

**Volumetric Charge for each 1000 gallons of water used -
\$2.40 per 1000 gallons**

WINTER AVERAGING - for residential customers

Water consumption for the months of November, January, and February will be totaled and an *average* consumption for those three months will be calculated. That *average* usage will then become the "winter average" on which the sewer volumetric charge is based for the next twelve months.