

St. Clair Township
NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE
REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES

Dear St. Clair Township Resident,

This letter serves as notice to inform you of the Township rate increases for water and sewer services that will appear on your 2nd quarter bill.

The Township's Auditing Firm - Maner Costerisan conducted a high-level review of the Townships water and sewer rates. They provided us with a comprehensive review of all of the following areas:

- ❖ Billing rates from service provider
- ❖ Current rates & structure
- ❖ Revenue & expenditures in water and sewer funds from previous 5 years
- ❖ Historical water & sewer usages
- ❖ Capital improvement needs & planned projects
- ❖ Current & planned debt

Their review helped us to determine that the current rates were not adequate to ensure that we are covering the cost of providing this critical service. Our goal is to ensure that our rate structure can provide short- and long-term financial stability and generate enough revenue to protect public safety by being able to maintain both our water/sewer systems, and deferred maintenance.

Following much discussion and careful consideration, the St. Clair Township Board voted to approve an increase to the township's water rates at the February 5th 2024 meeting. The Township Board is deeply committed to managing costs and maintaining operations while upholding its commitment to a sustainable future. The Board's decision to approve this increase was not easily decided.

Prices for most utilities, supplies, products, and materials have continued to rise across the country. The same reigns true for our water department's operating expenses including the parts and materials required to keep our water system running properly and efficiently. Future improvements continue to be upgrading our 6, 50+ year old sewer pump stations.

The approved rate increase became effective on February 5th, 2024 and is as follows:

The water rate will increase by 11% to \$ 8.10/1000 gallons and the sewer rate will increase by 7% to \$ 7.50/1000 gallons. The minimum water bill will be approximately \$150.23 a quarter. (Excluding outdoor watering).

The Township Board is committed to managing these costs and staying efficient while upholding the township's commitment to a sustainable future. These changes support our commitment to clean water, and safe and efficient wastewater management. Utility bills are always due on the 15th of February, May, August, and November.

If you have questions about the rate changes, please contact, Treasurer Hanrahan: • Township Hall at 810-329-9042 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Or you may visit <https://www.stclairtp.org>, where you can view a detailed overview of the new rate structures.

Regards,

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