



CITY OF CHEROKEE

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City of Cherokee Water/Wastewater Consumers:

After a lengthy study conducted prior to the June 9th City Council meeting, a rate adjustment was voted on and approved to take effect on your next August 2021 billing cycle. This adjustment was designed to cover the expenses of the Utility Authorities aging infrastructure needs. Upgrades to an aging infrastructure are always necessary to keep up with demand, growth, and accuracy to ensure that we continue providing the best service possible for our Consumers. Thank you kindly for your understanding.

New Monthly Rates Phase One

Base rate for all **Residential, Commercial** and **Industrial** Consumers billed for **water/wastewater** services mailed by the City of Cherokee after August 1, 2021, shall provide payment of the following monthly rates and minimum charges:

Water monthly base rate (5/8" meter) is currently \$47.94 with 5,000 gallons included. Phase one will have a base rate of \$47.94 and will now have only 3,000 gallons included.

Base Rate \$47.94 to include 3,000 gallons
For 3,000 to 4,000 gallons \$4.00
For 4,000 to 5,000 gallons \$4.25
In excess of 5,000 gallons \$4.50 per thousand gallons

Wastewater monthly base rate is currently \$16.34 with 5,000 gallons included. Phase one will have a base rate of \$16.34 and will now have only 3,000 gallons included.

Base Rate \$16.34 to include 3,000 gallons
For 3,000 to 4,000 gallons \$3.50
For 4,000 to 5,000 gallons \$3.75
In excess of 5,000 gallons \$4.00 per thousand gallons

New Monthly Rates Phase Two

Base rate for all **Residential, Commercial** and **Industrial** Consumers billed for **water/wastewater** services mailed by the City of Cherokee after January 1, 2022, shall provide payment of the following monthly rates and minimum charges:

Water monthly base rate is currently \$47.94 with 3,000 gallons included. Phase two will have a base rate of \$47.94 and will now have only 1,000 gallons included.

Base Rate \$47.94 to include 1,000 gallons
For 1,000 to 2,000 gallons \$3.50
For 2,000 to 3,000 gallons \$3.75
For 3,000 to 4,000 gallons \$4.00
For 4,000 to 5,000 gallons \$4.25
In excess of 5,000 gallons \$4.50 per thousand gallons

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Base Rate \$16.34 to include 1,000 gallons
 For 1,000 to 2,000 gallons \$3.00
 For 2,000 to 3,000 gallons \$3.25
 For 3,000 to 4,000 gallons \$3.50
 For 4,000 to 5,000 gallons \$3.75
 In excess of 5,000 gallons \$4.00 per thousand gallons

New Base Rates

| Meter Size | Flow Rate | Minimum Charge |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 5/8" | 20 gpm | \$47.94 |
| 3/4" | 30 gpm (1.5) | \$71.91 |
| 1" | 50 gpm (2.5) | \$119.85 |
| 1.5" | 100 gpm (5.0) | \$239.70 |
| 2" | 160 gpm (8.0) | \$383.52 |
| 3" | 300 gpm (17.5) | \$838.95 |
| 4" | 1000 gpm (50.0) | \$2397.00 |
| 6" | 1000 gpm (50.0) | \$2397.00 |

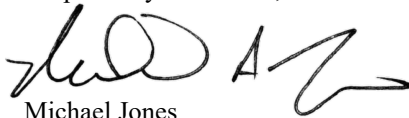
Purpose for Large Meter Base Rates

- a. Large meters allow larger quantities of water on demand putting greater demand on the system
- b. Cost to set and replace is greater
- c. Large meters require more continual flow to register accurately. Less flow will not always register low flow usage.

In addition to the rate changes, the City Council approved changes to our fees and charges. Please see below for a list of fees and charges. All changes will take effect on August 1, 2021.

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| Water Meter Tap Fee | Water - \$1,500.00 | Customer Responsible for Road Bore |
| Wastewater Tap Fee | Wastewater - \$750.00 | |
| Reconnect Fee | \$75.00 | |
| Return Check Fee | \$25.00 | |
| Transfer Fee | \$30.00 | |
| Late Payment Fee | \$10.00 or 10% whichever is greater | |
| Deposit Fee | \$200.00 | |
| Door Knocker Fee | N/A | This service will no longer be provided |

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Jones
 City Manager

