As you may already know, the City of Bastrop is growing quickly. In order to keep up with that growth and to ensure that we are providing the highest level of service to our citizens and ratepayers, the City of Bastrop is building a new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

As of April 1, 2020 the base rate for sewer service was increased by $5 per month per service.

This rate increase was approved by the City of Bastrop and is necessary to fund the development of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant for the residents and businesses of the City of Bastrop. Future increases will be phased in as part of the funding plan to alleviate the impact to our current ratepayers.

Why Now?

The regulatory agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, mandates that cities must begin design and construction for increased capacity once the current system reaches a certain percentage of capacity. The City of Bastrop has reached those thresholds and must begin the expansion process now in order to avoid repercussions by TCEQ.
What Do We Get Now?
As a result of this rate increase, the ratepayers will get a new, modern, efficient wastewater treatment plant that increases treatment capacity from a daily average of 1.4 MGD to 2.0 MGD in the first phase. The plant implementation is phased to decrease initial costs with a second phase increase to 4.0 MGD to be completed when demand increases. This new plant will replace the existing two plants built in 1975 and 1998 that have operated beyond their useful life.

Rate Increase?
In order to move forward with the development of this new wastewater treatment plant, the City of Bastrop has voted to increase base sewer rate by $5.00 per account per month.

Phased Expansion Decreases Cost
The new wastewater treatment plant will incorporate expansion and treatment components that will benefit the ratepayers for many years to come. This development plan, adopted by the City Council, will meet Bastrop’s demands today and will also decrease the cost of future expansion phases. Simply put, this phased approach prevents current ratepayers from paying for capacity that only future customers will need.