



Town of Highland Park

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Highland Park Continues Water Conservation Efforts, Water System Upgrades and Public Conservation Awareness Initiatives. Town Council Approves a New Four-Tiered Water Rate Structure.

January 13, 2015 (Highland Park, Texas) – This week, the Highland Park Town Council approved a change to its Master Fee Schedule for water and wastewater usage, from a three-tiered pricing structure to a four-tiered structure that increases the rate based on higher user consumption. The new rate structure includes a \$1.00 increase in the monthly base rate for water and increases the rates charged for consumption. High-use water customers using 60 thousand gallons per month or more will see an increase from \$5.44 per thousand gallons to \$8.18 per thousand gallons.

Highland Park Town Administrator Bill Lindley said, “Highland Park’s new water rate structure segments the costs more fairly based on usage. The more water you use...the higher rate you pay. Our goal with this water rate change is to ensure the Town has the resources necessary to continue making needed capital improvements to our water infrastructure and to properly maintain and operate the utility system.”

Mayor Williams continued, “Highland Park has taken a leadership role in water conservation. We’ve made progress every year since 2011, but we can and should do more. While we are fortunate to have a reliable water supply, other Texas cities do not have enough. Continuing our public awareness campaign, and other ongoing conservation strategies, will encourage greater water conservation. It’s the right thing to do.”

The new four-tiered water rates are as follows:

- 0-12,000 gals \$4.56 per thousand gallons
- 12,001-30,000 gals \$5.24 per thousand gallons
- 30,001-60,000 gals \$6.29 per thousand gallons
- Over 60,000 gals \$8.18 per thousand gallons

The rates approved also include an increase in the monthly base rate for wastewater of \$2.50 per month.

The Town’s Finance Director, Steve Alexander said, “Revenue from the new water utility rates will go to update and replace Highland Park’s water infrastructure and allow the Town to maintain its capital improvement program for the Town’s water and wastewater utility system.”

The new water rates will take effect in the February 27, 2015 billing cycle