

# Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Lyons City Council will hold a public hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at 161 N.E. Broad street Lyons Ga, in the City Council chamber to consider the adoption of changes in water rates and wastewater rates. The Council will also consider all written protest to these changes. (Further details at the end of this notice).

## Background and general information

To honor its commitment to long-term planning and appropriate infrastructure investment, the City annually evaluates its water and wastewater rates. This evaluation considers many factors that impact the cost of providing these services. Among these factors are: the cost of water collection and purification of potable water; requirements to maintain sufficient revenue to cover the City's water and wastewater costs; the cost of operations, including employee and materials costs; the cost of future projects to maintain service reliability; the fair distribution of cost across users; and the cost of planned infrastructure maintenance and expansion. The proposed changes to water rates in this notice apply to all customers who receive these services from the City of Lyons.

The water and sewer services provided by the City are funded by money collected from ratepayers for those services. The City has not seen a water/wastewater increase since 2015. The constant demands of infrastructure maintenance, State and Federal unfunded mandates, increasing demands on treatment of wastewater, State and Federal requirements for conservation, and system expansion has caused the rate for service to fail to meet the cost of providing the service. The City Council was presented with a proposal to adjust the above mentioned rates over the course of 3 years. This gradual increase will allow us to meet the required cost of service and mediate the increase over the course of time.

The activates and investment of the City in regards to the above mentioned services are designed to increase the reliability of water and waste water services, meet and exceed public health standards and goals, address new regulations, and further improve financial health.

## Public Hearing

Written Protests will be accepted prior to the Public Hearing. Protests must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and will also be accepted at the Council Chambers at the public hearing prior to calling the meeting to order. All written protests must be signed by the owner and contain a description of the property (address and/or Assessor Parcel Number).

Important note: Please do not send protests by e-mail. They will not be accepted.

At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will receive a final tabulation of all written protests received by the City Clerk. The Council will then carefully consider the public input.

# Water Rates

Effective 05/01/2021 and consecutive years.

## Water Rates Inside City Limits

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| Tier #1 | 0-3000 Gal      |
| Tier #2 | 3001-10,000 Gal |
| Tier #3 | 10,001 + Gal    |

Effective **05/01/2021**

Water

Sewer

|  |         |        |              |  |         |         |              |
|--|---------|--------|--------------|--|---------|---------|--------------|
|  | Base    | \$7.33 |              |  | Base    | \$15.47 |              |
|  | Tier #1 | \$0.00 |              |  | Tier #1 | \$0.00  |              |
|  | Tier #2 | \$2.76 | Per 1000 gal |  | Tier #2 | \$3.03  | Per 1000 gal |
|  | Tier #3 | \$3.45 | Per 1000 gal |  | Tier #3 | \$3.77  | Per 1000 gal |

Effective **05/01/2022**

Water

Sewer

|  |         |        |              |  |         |         |              |
|--|---------|--------|--------------|--|---------|---------|--------------|
|  | Base    | \$5.67 |              |  | Base    | \$19.97 |              |
|  | Tier #1 | \$0.00 |              |  | Tier #1 | \$0.00  |              |
|  | Tier #2 | \$3.22 | Per 1000 gal |  | Tier #2 | \$3.72  | Per 1000 gal |
|  | Tier #3 | \$4.01 | Per 1000 gal |  | Tier #3 | \$4.64  | Per 1000 gal |

Effective **05/01/2023**

Water

Sewer

|  |         |        |              |  |         |         |              |
|--|---------|--------|--------------|--|---------|---------|--------------|
|  | Base    | \$3.99 |              |  | Base    | \$24.43 |              |
|  | Tier #1 | \$0.00 |              |  | Tier #1 | \$0.00  |              |
|  | Tier #2 | \$3.68 | Per 1000 gal |  | Tier #2 | \$4.42  | Per 1000 gal |
|  | Tier #3 | \$4.58 | Per 1000 gal |  | Tier #3 | \$5.52  | Per 1000 gal |