



Town of Westlake

December 15, 2010

Dear Westlake Water and Sewer Customer,

In keeping with the mission, vision and values set out by the Westlake Town Council, the Town of Westlake continuously strives to maintain and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Town services. With the water and sewer utility system, this directive means continuous monitoring and managing of the costs associated with the safe and reliable delivery of our water and sewer services. Since the last water and sewer rate adjustment in January 2009, Westlake has incurred substantial increases in the costs associated with providing these services as follows:

- Increased purchase price of drinking water from the City of Ft. Worth of 10%
- Increased cost of waste water treatment services purchased from Trinity Water Authority of 10%
- Increased demand due to growth
- Increased operating expenses to repair and replace aging water and sewer lines
- Continued costs of debt retirement in order to plan for future expansion

Regrettably, all Westlake Water and Sewer customers will experience a **rate increase effective January 1, 2011**, and the new rates will be reflected on your January water bill. January is historically the lowest month of water consumption for most of our customers. Please keep in mind that each customer's increase will vary depending on their usage habits and consumption rate. For your convenience, we have enclosed a comparative water rate chart. The new water and sewer rate structure encourages conservation while providing the necessary revenue to support the operations, debt and infrastructure of the Town's Utility Fund. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.westlake-tx.org/en/newutilityrates>.

We earnestly look forward to continually providing excellent service to each and every one of our customers. If you have any questions or concerns related to the new rates, or need assistance with conservation strategies, please call Jarrod Greenwood, Westlake Public Works Director, at (817) 490-5717 (office) or (817) 680-1422 (mobile).

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Brymer
Town Manager



EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

Base Service Charges

Existing				
Meter Size	Residential		Commercial	
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
3/4"	\$39.00	\$30.00	39.00	\$30.00
1"	\$65.13	\$55.00	\$65.13	\$55.00
1 1/2"	\$129.87	\$105.00	\$129.87	\$105.00
2"	\$207.87	\$170.00	\$207.87	\$170.00
3"	\$455.13	\$370.00	\$455.13	\$370.00
4"	\$819.00	\$635.00	\$819.00	\$635.00
6"	\$1,500.00	\$1,330.00	\$3,250.00	\$1,330.00
8"	\$2,160.00	\$1,910.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,910.00

NEW				
Meter Size	Residential		Commercial	
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
3/4"	\$42.00	\$33.00	\$42.00	\$33.00
1"	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$60.00
1 1/2"	\$140.00	\$115.00	\$140.00	\$115.00
2"	\$224.00	\$187.00	\$224.00	\$187.00
3"	\$490.00	\$405.00	\$490.00	\$405.00
4"	\$882.00	\$693.00	\$882.00	\$693.00
6"	\$1,650.00	\$1,450.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,450.00
8"	\$2,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$4,400.00	\$2,100.00

Volume Charge Rate Per 1,000 gallons

Existing				
Volume (gallons)	Residential		Commercial	
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
0-2,000	\$2.85	\$0.00	\$2.85	\$3.21
2,001 - 20,000	\$2.85	\$3.21	\$2.85	\$3.21
20,001 - 40,000	\$3.56	\$3.21	\$3.56	\$3.21
40,001 - 400,000	\$4.45	\$3.21	\$4.45	\$3.21
over 400,000	\$5.57	\$3.21	\$5.57	\$3.21

NEW				
Volume (gallons)	Residential		Commercial	
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
0-2,000	\$3.10	\$0.00	\$3.10	\$3.60
2,001 - 20,000	\$3.10	\$3.60	\$3.10	\$3.60
20,001 - 40,000	\$3.88	\$3.60	\$3.88	\$3.60
40,001 - 400,000	\$4.84	\$3.60	\$4.84	\$3.60
over 400,000	\$6.05	\$3.60	\$6.05	\$3.60

Water Rates - Residential

Residential base or minimum charge is dependent on the size of the meter. The Town has adopted a tiered rate structure to encourage water conservation. This means that the more you use, the higher the unit price, and the more you pay. Please use your water wisely.

Sewer Rates - Residential

Residential base or minimum charge is dependent on the size of the meter. The Town recognizes that higher water usage will occur by residents during the summer months and for this reason, Westlake has implemented the Winter Quarter Average rate methodology. This is determined by averaging the usage in December, January and February of each calendar year. This winter average will set the amount of sewer to be billed for the following 12 months. Each March the winter average will be re-calculated and you will be billed for that amount beginning in April for the next 12 months. Residents can manage their wastewater bill and save money by monitoring water usage during these winter months.