

NOTICE OF RATE AND FEES INCREASE

Lee County Water Supply Corporation, along with Befco Engineering and our third-party Rate and Fees Analysis group, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, have spent the better part of 2023 studying the past, present and future growth of our system. Due to rising costs and growth in our service area, there are many areas that must be updated to continue serving our current customers along with the ever-growing population which will require a much larger demand on the system

Lee County Water’s last rate increase was January 1, 2011. The last minimum increase was January 1, 2016 and the last Capital Recovery fee change January 1, 2018.

In our October 12, 2023, Monthly meeting, Befco Engineering presented information regarding their hydraulic study, along with the system needs based on TCEQ requirements. We also took an extensive look back ten years to look at the average growth per system, not only in population and meters, but also gallons used, which then provided us with some estimates for future growth. As all of this data was compiled both on the Corporation and Engineers side, was then handed over to NewGen to provide support in their analysis. After several meeting and compiling data, NewGen met with the Board of Directors October 19, 2023 to provide the most conservative outlook on how to finance future needs of the system. The accumulated data provides us with a ten-year project plan. These studies support the need to change both rates and fees to what you see in charts below. Currently, we have used a three-block system, we will be installing a fourth block, we have increased Blocks 2 and 3. October 19, 2023 after carefully reviewing data presented over the last few months the Board of Directors unanimously voted to change the Rates and Fees, scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2024.

Any inquiries you may contact Wade Dane General Manager @ 979-542-6213

New Water meter base cost is as follows:

New Residential Service 5/8" X 3/4"	Current	New Rate
Membership Fee	\$250.00	No Change
Tap Fee	\$1,175.00	\$1,480.00
Capital Recovery Fee/Unit	\$1,425.00	\$5,420.00
<b>Total New Service Cost</b>	<b>\$2850.00</b>	<b>\$7,150.00</b>

New Rates:

Standard Customers	Current	New Rate
Minimum Monthly Charge (0 Gallons)	\$35.00	\$36.00
0 – 3,000 Gallons	\$3.50	\$3.50
3,001 – 10,000 Gallons	\$4.00	\$4.50
10,001 – 20,000 Gallons	\$4.50	\$5.65
20,000 + Gallons	New Tier	\$7.05