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Dear Customer,

This letter is to inform you of new sewer rates within the City of Highfill. At its September 2020 meeting, Highfill City Council members approved a sewer rate increase for customers of the City of Highfill. Since City sales and property taxes do not fund water, sewer and solid waste services, those costs must be recovered through residents' monthly fees. The current sewer rate is \$5.75/1,000 gallons. The new sewer rate is \$9.28/1,000 gallons used. The new rate goes into effect on October 1, 2020.

As utility costs throughout the industry continue to rise, the City of Highfill is committed to managing those costs and staying efficient while upholding the City's commitment to a sustainable future. The rate adjustments will help ensure the reliability and affordability of our services. They will also support Council's commitment to maintain the City's current solid waste treatment plant while ensuring future growth for our City.

Our goal is to make utilities as affordable as possible for our citizens. This is why we decided to partner with the City of Centerton to expand our waste water services for a cost of just under a million dollars as opposed to expanding our services to the regional waste water treatment plant, Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority (NACA), for a cost of \$4.3 million. We believed that passing that cost on to our customers would in turn cause our citizens to have the highest sewer rates in the region.

We value our customers and are committed to working with you. If you have questions about the rate change, please contact our management partners at Centerton Utilities 479.795.0222.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rieff, Mayor