

# NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

Due to the rising cost of goods and services required to operate a public water system, which includes materials, chemicals, utilities, and labor the Board of Directors of Bright Star-Salem Special Utility District have approved an increase to the current minimum water rate. The Board of Directors have analyzed the budget and conclude this rate structure will adequately fund the current budget as well as planned expansion projects, and meet all state requirements for pump, storage and well capacities.

The new water rates will take affect May 1, 2024. The water rates will be reflected on the bill you receive on June 1<sup>st</sup>. These rates include all customers receiving water service for Bright Star-Salem SUD #1 and #2 (North Shores).

METER SIZE	METER EQUIVALENTS	MONTHLY MINIMUM	
		CURRENT	NEW
5/8" X 3/4"	1.0	\$34.00	\$39.00
North Shores/Hide-A-Way	1.0	\$29.00	\$39.00
3/4"	1.5	\$51.00	\$58.50
1"	2.5	\$85.00	\$97.50
1 1/2"	5.0	\$170.00	\$195.00
2"	8.0	\$272.00	\$312.00
3" CMPD.	15.0	\$510.00	\$585.00

Sample Billing Calculation 5/8 x 3/4" meter @ (6,000 gallons usage)	<b>\$ 61.90</b>	<b>\$ 66.90</b>
Sample Billing Calculation 5/8 x 3/4" meter @ (12,000 gallons usage)	<b>\$ 103.00</b>	<b>\$ 111.00</b>

**There is no increase to the Water Gallonage charge.**

- \$4.15 per 1,000 gallons for 0 to 2,000 gallons
- \$4.65 per 1,000 gallons for 2,001 gallons to 10,000 gallons
- \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons for 10,001 gallons to 30,000 gallons
- \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons over 30,001 gallons.

**CURRENT EXPANSION PROJECTS:**

The board has approved the development of engineering plans and specifications for the drilling of a new water well on State Hwy 182. The plans will be submitted to TCEQ for approval and bidding for the project should begin later this year. The new well is expected to cost \$1,400,000. This includes all construction, electrical, SCADA and piping for the new well.

The board has also approved the purchase and installation of a new generator to be installed at the Surface Water Treatment Plant. This second generator will help ensure that the plant can operate during power outages. The new generator is projected to cost \$512,000.

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**Please make sure we have your current telephone number on record. Many customers no longer use a landline telephone, and we are unable to contact you during emergencies. We also use email as a means of notification for planned water outages and boil water notices.**

For more information about the rate increase, please contact Wanda Gaby, General Manager at 903-765-2701, or at [brightstarsud@yahoo.com](mailto:brightstarsud@yahoo.com).