



City of River Falls News Release

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Water Impact Fee/Sewer Connection Fee Changes Effective January 1, 2015

At the October 28, 2014, River Falls Common Council meeting, the City Council voted to approve water impact fee/sewer connection fee changes effective January 1, 2015. Impact and connection fees are imposed to recover future capital costs, such as new water towers, wells, upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant, and other major additions. The new rates will apply to building permits issued after January 1, 2015.

The City of River Falls has experienced and continues to expect population growth and significant residential, commercial, and industrial development. Trilogy Consulting was hired by the City to provide evaluate the City's water supply and sewer facilities needs and capital costs to serve the City through the year 2045.

Trilogy Consulting presented the report to the Utility Advisory Board and the City Council and recommended a standardized rate for both water impact and sewer connection fees to remove the economic incentive or disincentive to develop in a particular location. The fee for a typical single family home will be \$3,789 including both sewer and water fees. The new rate structure will decrease fees for most areas of the City except in the southwest area.

A complete list of water impact fees/sewer connection fees effective January 1, 2015 is available on the City's website: www.rfcity.org.

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