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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

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## Sewer Rate Format Change

In an effort to help our residents and business owners understand the Sewer Rate portion of their utility bill, we have changed the way the line item will look.

Before, the RS (residential sewer) and CS (commercial sewer) reflected the total amounts of sewer (usage per thousand gallons x usage rate+base). Now, it will be separated into 2-line items to make it a little easier to figure out how much sewer you are being charged. The first line item will reflect the base rate figure and the second line item will reflect the usage figure times the per thousand gallons of water.

Commercial Utility bills will reflect these changes starting **February 2024**. There will be a **Commercial Sewer base** line item which will reflect the \$20 base rate. And the **Commercial Sewer Usage** line item which will reflect \$4.95 rate x the per thousand gallons of water usage, for that month.

Residential Utility bills will see these line item changes starting on their **April 2024** utility bill. It will show their **Residential Sewer base** line item that will reflect the \$10.50 sewer base rate. And the **Residential Sewer Usage** line that will reflect the \$4.80 x the average amount of water usage, per thousand gallons, for December, January and February.

## ANNUAL THREE-MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE

Every year the City of Warr Acres recalculates the next year's sewer rates based on a report from the Oklahoma City or Bethany Water Departments listing a three-month average consumption of water usage for each residential property. This means that your sewer bill from April 2024 to March 2025 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2023, January 2024 and February 2024. These new rates will be reflected on your April 2024 bill, which will be sent out around the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

If your April 2024 bill reflects a substantial increase, it may be because you had a water leak, a toilet or faucet that continually ran during those three (3) winter months. If you had a plumber repair one of these problems during these months, then you can bring in the plumbing repair bill to Warr Acres City Hall. Our utility billing clerk can recalculate your average water usage for a lower sewer rate. But you **MUST** have a plumbing repair invoice indicating the problem occurred during the months stated above in order for your sewer rate to be recalculated.

## Helpful Phone Numbers

City Hall	405-789-2892
Fax	405-787-5432
Police Department	405-789-3329
Fire Department	405-789-5912
Animal Control	405-789-9025
Municipal Court	405-495-3032
Inspections & Permits	405-789-2892
Sanitation Department	405-491-6474
Streets & Parks	405-787-1404
Sewer Department	405-491-6478
Putnam City Schools	405-495-5200

## City Council Members

### Mayor

Roger Godwin 405-651-0070

### Ward 1

Jim Von Thaar  
405-615-7966

### Ward 3

Debbie Morris  
405-973-8595

Judy Myers  
405-722-1324

Lynda Steele  
405-414-0779

### Ward 2

Mike Schmidt  
405-323-8933

### Ward 4

Randy Prince  
405-495-6499

Scott Tribbey  
405-313-9197

Vicki Douglas  
405-620-1296

## City Facebook Pages

### Police Department:

<https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresPolice/>

### City Hall:

<https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresCityHall/>

### Fire Department:

<https://www.facebook.com/Warr-Acres-Fire-Department-123632811077770/>

## Recycling

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue. **The Recycle center will be open first Saturday of the month only from 8:30am until 11:30am.** The Recycle Center is not open in January or July due to the weather. Closed during inclement weather.  
Warr Acres Recycle Committee 405-720-2949

## **EXPLANATION OF FEES ON TRASH/SEWER BILL**

**RA – CA** – Residential Ambulance and Commercial Ambulance Fee – Subsidy fee for Pafford EMS

**RS – CS** – Residential Sewer and Commercial Sewer – base rate for the sanitary sewer system, usage and maintenance

**RE – CE** – Residential EPA and Commercial EPA – EPA Federal mandate fee for storm water drainage.

**WF** – Waste Fee – Fee for solid waste removal. mandate fee for storm water drainage.

**CSU** - Commercial Sewer usage – for the sanitary sewer system maintenance and usage rate (per thousand gallons) of water for that month.

**BKNG** – Any collection fee; hearing fee or return check fee.

**LM** – Line Maintenance – For the repair and maintenance of the sanitary sewer lines.

**RG – CG** – Residential Garbage and Commercial Garbage – for the pickup of refuse and operation of the sanitation department.

**RSU** - Residential Sewer usage – for the sanitary sewer system maintenance and usage rate (per thousand gallons) of water for Dec, Jan, Feb average.

## **TRASH SERVICE**

This is a reminder that per ordinances 8.08.040 and 8.08.070, all Warr Acres residents and businesses must have trash service with the City of Warr Acres.

## **SANITATION DEPARTMENT – ICE AND SNOW**

The sanitation department has always attempted to provide garbage service throughout the city regardless of the weather. When the city experiences ice storms, we must alter the way we gather the garbage for the safety of our workers. For the safety of our citizens, it is suggested that they hold their trash until the next scheduled pick-up day.

When there is **ICE on the ground**, garbage **will not be picked up**. **When there is SNOW on the ground, garbage will be picked up CURBSIDE only, except in very unusual circumstances with wind chills below zero we reserve the option of waiting until the next scheduled pickup.**

## **IS YOUR CONTRACTOR LICENSED?**

If you are having work done that requires a contractor (electrical, mechanical, plumbing) they **MUST** be licensed in Warr Acres. This will help ensure that your contractor has the required licensure/CEUs/insurance/etc. Contact the Licensing Clerk at City Hall to check to see if your contractor is licensed **before** work begins. Permits must also be purchased by the contractor for all work done within the City of Warr Acres.