



It has been since 2010 that the town has last increased its sanitary sewer rates. This includes both commercial, non-residential rate payers as well as the monthly single-family household (Equivalent Dwelling Unit, or “EDU”) rate. The town’s accounting consultant, Crowe, completed an evaluation of budgets, current and future needs, and future revenues and recommended a new rate of \$56.85 per month from the old rate of \$44.50 per month. This equates to an annual rate increase of 1.76% over the last 14 years, which is below inflation rates over the same period.

This rate increase is necessary to keep up with increased operational costs as well as to begin the capital replacement plans for replacing equipment beyond their service lives, as well as upgrading both the plant and the collection system. Recent studies have determined that the plant will ultimately need to increase its dry weather capacity from 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD), to 2.5 MGD, and its wet weather capacity from 4 MGD to 7MGD to accommodate the increasing demands within our service territory. The current capital plans call for achieving these capacities over the next 10 years.

The Zionsville Town Council heard introductions and presentations by Crowe and town staff, and adopted this new rate structure on December 16th, 2024. The new rate will take effect on January 1st, 2025, and residents will see this increase reflected on their monthly bills at the beginning of February 2025 as this utility is billed in arrears.

The stages of the public process to adopt a new sewer utility rate can be viewed on YouTube by following the links below.

[Crowe Presentation](#)

[Ordinance Introduction](#)

[Ordinance Hearing and Vote](#)