

City of Kindred



January 25, 2022

Hello Kindred Residents:

This letter is to provide information about the sewer rate change and to inform you of rate increases to the sewer base rate and the sewer usage rate, in addition to the new 2019-1 Wastewater Collection Improvement Project charge.

The increased rates, provided on the back page of this letter, represent MOST City of Kindred sewer rate users. (Commercial, high-volume users, multi-family units, apartments, and rural subdivision rates may vary from the rates illustrated on the back page.)

The 2019-1 Wastewater Collection Improvement Project charge is a new addition to all sewer users' monthly City of Kindred Utility Bill effective January 1, 2022. This is required to help pay for the loan of the Wastewater Collection Improvement Project that is currently under construction. This will be a monthly fee of \$22.09 per user.

The increase in the sewer base and usage rate, in addition to the new project charge, was approved at the November 3, 2021 City Council meeting.

More information about this project is available at KindredND.com/lagoon-project.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tabitha Arnaud'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tabitha Arnaud

City Auditor

— Sewer Rate —

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Effective January 2022

Information

► Utility Billing Adjustments

The City of Kindred has implemented changes to Utility Billing, most notably an increase in monthly sewer charges. These adjustments will be implemented with the January 2022 Utility billing cycle. (See chart below for details.)

► What is Changing

The minimum monthly base rate charge and the monthly usage charge for sewer service will be increasing. There will also be a new charge for the New Wastewater Collection Improvement Project loan labeled “2019-1 Wastewater Project.”

► Why It's Needed

The current lagoon system has required minimal funds for operations and maintenance, thus resulting in rates that have not increased since 2011. As our community and infrastructure needs have grown, the increased rates will better align with the city's increasing sewer expenses.

► Information/Help

Information is available on the City of Kindred's website, www.KindredND.com. If you have questions about the sewer rate increase or your specific bill, please contact City Hall.

Sewer & Water Rates, Sanitation, and Other Fees¹

Previous	New ²	
\$5.31 (includes first 2,000 gallons)	\$9.05	SEWER - Monthly Minimum Base Rate Charge
\$0.31 (per 1,000 gallons; based on metered water use, charges begin at 2,001 gallons)	\$1.36 (per 1,000 gallons; based on metered water use, charges begin at 0 gallons)	SEWER - Monthly Usage Fees
n/a	\$22.09	SEWER - Capacity Charge (2019-1 Wastewater Project)
\$28.23	\$28.23	WATER - Monthly Minimum Base Rate Charge (Standard 5/8" meter) ¹
\$6.61 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$6.61 (per 1,000 gallons)	WATER - Monthly Usage Fee
\$1.20	\$1.20	Compost/Forestry Fund
\$2.00	\$2.00	Reserve Equipment Fund
\$5.00	\$5.00	Pool Operations
\$19.50 - OR - \$20.00	\$19.50 - OR - \$20.00	SANITATION - 64 - OR - 96 gallon tote \$19.50/month for a 64 gallon tote (includes one recycling tote) \$20.00/month for a 96 gallon tote (includes one recycling tote) \$11.50/month for an additional garbage tote of either size

¹The rates represent MOST users. Commercial, high-users, varied sized meters, multi-family units, apartments, and subdivision rate customers will be notified regarding specific changes in their fee structures. ²Beginning w/ January 2022 billing cycle.

Changes are highlighted in yellow.