



# 2023 Sewer Rate Information & FAQ

The City’s sewer system is nearly 100 years old and requires annual maintenance and repairs. Those costs cannot be avoided if we are to provide a safe and reliable sewer service. The cost to maintain and operate our system is entirely borne by the users of the system through your sewer bill. The sewer rates pay for the cost of operations, maintenance, repairs and upkeep to the pipes in the ground that allow us to take wastewater to the city’s sewage treatment plant and for the treatment process where the sewage is treated and safely discharged into the environment.

The average sewer customer will pay an additional **\$1.73 per month** with the 3% increase.

You can reduce your sewer bill by reducing your water usage in the months of January, February and March.

## Why is the City increasing your sewer rates?

- To cover the cost of several sewer emergencies that occurred in 2022 all around the City, including maintenance of the sewer plant and the six sewer pump stations, that negatively impacted the budget.
- To maintain a reserve of at least three months of operations cost to provide for working capital and emergency reserves to pay for unanticipated sewer breaks and repairs to sewage pump stations and the treatment plant.
- To continue to invest in the sewer system. A portion of the upcoming projects include preventative maintenance of the sewer infrastructure. Preventative maintenance is very important - it’s like changing the oil in your car. If you don’t take time to change the oil you will have to eventually replace the engine.

## Your 2023 Monthly Residential Sewer Charges Explained

**Minimum charge per month**.....\$19.67  
*(charged to all accounts, regardless of water usage)*

**User charge**.....\$0.93/100 gal water  
(operation, maintenance and replacement)  
*(based on winter months average water usage)*





**In 2022, the City raised the balance of the Sewer Fund by:**

- Phasing many of our capital improvements over multiple years.
- Limiting the \*administrative transfer to only 80% of the recommended transfer from the Sewer Allocation Study.

*\*Administrative transfer: transfer of funds to General Fund to cover personnel costs, as well as direct and indirect costs for sewer-related expenses.*

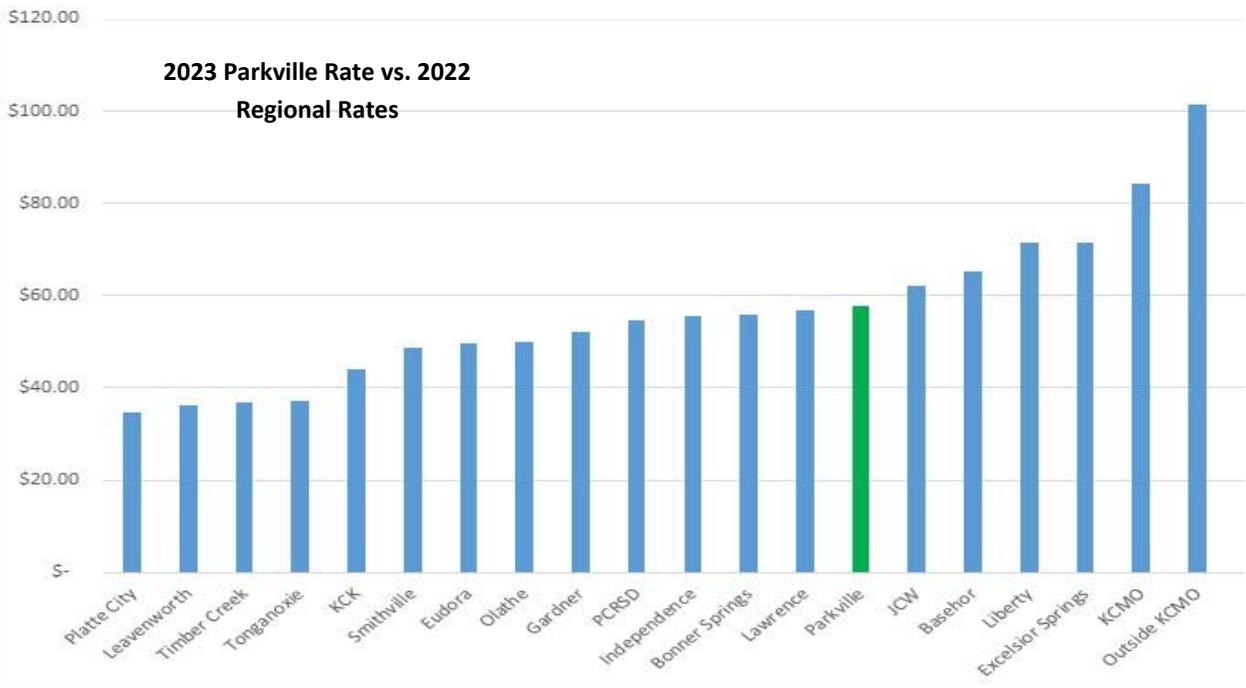
**Increases implemented from 2019-2022 helped the City:**

- Cover emergency repairs
- Provide basic preventative maintenance to the sewer system

The average sewer bill will be \$59.66 with the 3% increase.

*(based on 4-person household using 4,300 gallons per month)*

**How will Parkville’s rates in 2023 compare to other entities?**



**2023 Capital Improvement Projects (\$696,450)**

A portion of the upcoming sewer projects include preventative

- Annual Closed Circuit Telescoping, Cleaning & Repairs
- Sanitary Sewer Repairs
- Pinecrest Pump Station Wiring Replacement
- 45 Highway Pump Station Rebuild
- S. National Pump Station Rebuild
- Riss Lake Low Pressure System Repair
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - \* RAS Pump Repairs
  - \* Clarifier Drive Repairs
  - \* Aeration Basin Blower & Diffusers
  - \* SCADA System Replacement

**A public hearing to consider the sewer rate increase will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Parkville City Hall.**