



2024 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 **\$1.99 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 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 do not take the time to change the oil you will have to eventually replace the engine.
- To maintain a reserve of at least three months of operations costs 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 cover the increasing cost of construction projects. The City bids multiple construction projects and works with on-call contractors for emergency work. In 2023, these costs increased and are critical to keeping the sewer system’s six pump stations and treatment plant operating.

Your 2024 Monthly Residential Sewer Charges Explained

Minimum charge per month.....\$20.26
(charged to all accounts, regardless of water usage)

User charge.....\$0.985/100 gal water
(operation, maintenance and replacement)
(based on winter months average water usage)





In 2023, 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.

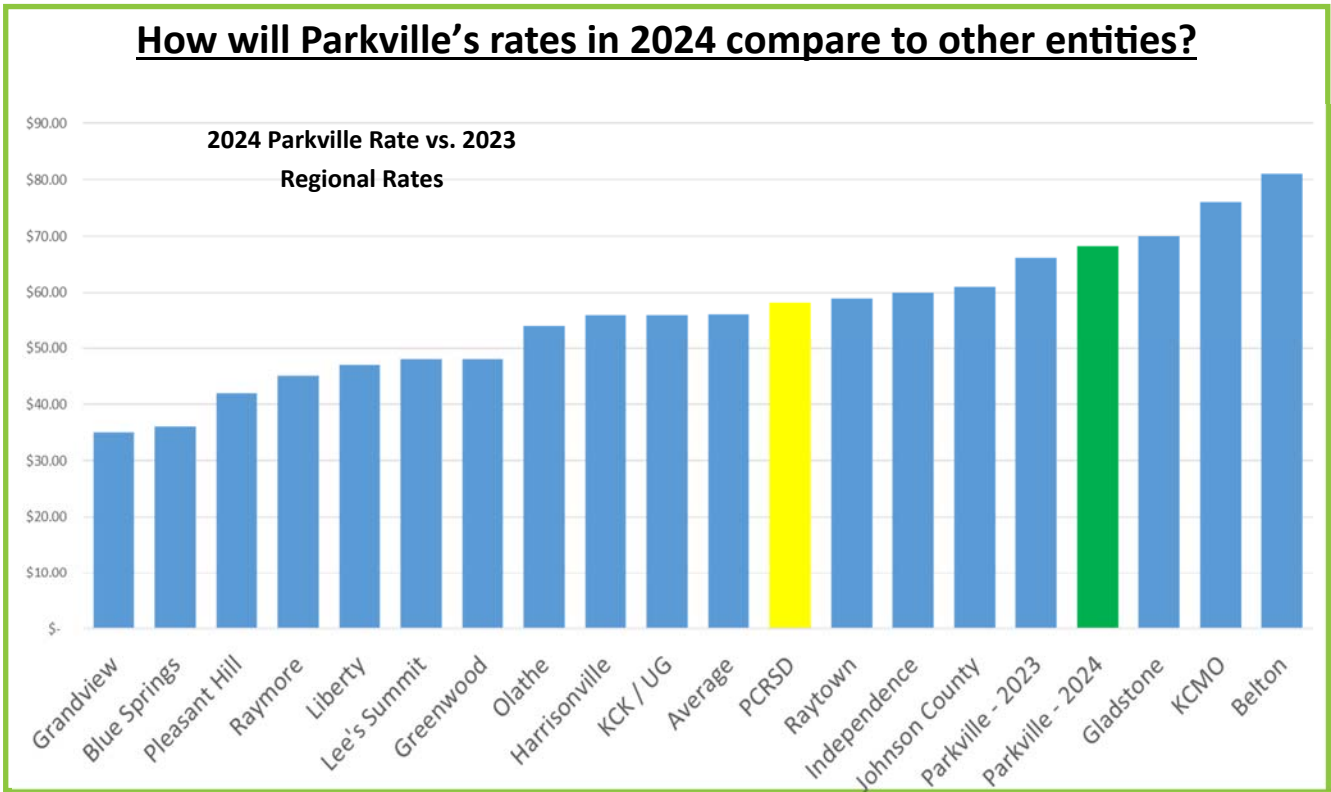
**Administrative transfer: transfer of funds to General Fund to cover personnel costs, as well as direct and indirect costs for sewer-related expenses.*

Increases implemented from 2020-2023 helped the City:

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

The average sewer bill will be \$68.16 with the 3% increase.

(based on 4-person household using 5,000 gallons per month)



2024 Capital Improvement Projects (\$732,440)

A portion of the upcoming sewer projects include preventative maintenance of the City’s sewer infrastructure.

- McAfee Pump Station Rehabilitation
- McAfee Pump Station Grit Removal
- Pinecrest Pump Station Electrical Upgrades
- Easement Clearings
- Annual Closed Circuit Televising, Cleaning & Repairs
- Streets Shop Connection
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - * SCADA Replacement
 - * Aeration Basin Diffuser
 - * West Clarifier Rehabilitation

A public hearing to consider the sewer rate increase will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Parkville City Hall.

If approved, the new sewer rates will become effective January 1, 2024.