

PLATTE COUNTY
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From: Tina Chace, Platte County Economic Development Council
To: Congressman Sam Graves, 6th District of Missouri
Date: March 15, 2023
Subj: Platte City Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation and Expansion Project

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Sincerely,

Tina Chace
Executive Director
Platte County Economic Development Council



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From: Scott Fricker, Presiding Commissioner
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Platte County Regional Sewer District



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Five percent sewer rate hike okayed in Platte City



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More increases planned in future

Sewer rates in Platte City are on the rise, and likely will be for years to come, according to city officials.

A five percent sewer rate increase for city sewer system customers will take effect Oct. 1, after the rate increase was approved this week by the Platte City Board of Aldermen.

The rate hike reflects the city's plan to increase revenue to support a 2024/25 wastewater treatment plant expansion project.

The rate increase is part of a series of planned incremental rate hikes rather than an single much larger rate change in 2024, says DJ Gehrt, city administrator.

Gehrt says the city's wastewater fund continues to face both short and long term financial challenges, with a Platte River Bank stabilization project, completion of a sewer relining project, and the treatment plant expansion project on the horizon.

"Staff anticipates the need to continue the series of annual five percent increases in wastewater rates through 2024 to prevent a steep rate increase—rate shock—in 2024-25," Gehrt said this week.

The city's existing wastewater system continues to require extensive annual capital replacement and renovation, Gehrt said.

Over the past five years, wastewater capital renovation projects have included north interceptor replacement, south interceptor relining, replacement of individual components at the wastewater treatment plant (three lift station grinder pumps, headworks reconstruction, lift station control replacement, sludge press building), adding a UV effluent disinfection system, relining approximately 5,000 linear feet of clay pipe each year and

Beginning in 2016, the city initiated incremental five percent annual wastewater rate increases rather than waiting until much steeper rate increases are required in 2024.

A 2014 rate study conducted for the city by the engineering firm of Shafer, Kline and Warren identified the need to adjust the city's water and wastewater rate structure to recover a greater percentage of fixed costs in the minimum charge, combined with a reduction in the percentage of fixed costs included in the volume fees that are charged for each thousand gallons of metered usage.

Gehrt emphasized the city has elected to incrementally adjust its rate structure over a period of time rather than approving a significant one time rate revision. The mechanism to implement the incremental rate change is to assign a greater proportion of the rate increase to the minimum use charge while allocating a smaller proportion to the volume use charge. Repeating this process over time will eventually allow the city to reach "crossover" point where the minimum charge revenue is enough for the city to consider reductions in the volume use rate, according to the city administrator.

Gehrt said the five percent sewer increase results in an annual revenue increase of about \$45,000.

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Ivan Foley

Ivan Foley, longtime owner/publisher of the Platte County Landmark, is a past winner of the national Gish Award for courage, tenacity and integrity in rural journalism, presented by the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky. He lives in Platte County not far from KCI Airport.





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Tony Paolillo
Mayor
City of Platte City



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March 15, 2023

Sam Graves
U.S. Representative, District 6
12200 North Ambassador Dr

Suite 234

Kansas City, MO 64163

Dear Rep. Graves,

Please accept my letter of support for sewer improvements in Excelsior Springs. Several years ago, the City completed a variety of water and sewer system improvements, but had to exclude a few projects that exceeded the budget. The desired improvement in these neighborhoods is to re-line sewer mains that receive a large amount of storm and groundwater that is then conveyed to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and treated with sewage.

There are many benefits from re-lining sewer mains to both the neighborhood and to the city. Thank you for this opportunity to program these projects to be improved.

Sincerely,


Molly McGovern
City Manager



Director of Public Works
201 E Broadway
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

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March 15th, 2023

Representative Sam Graves
U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515-2506

Re: \$1.5M Earmark for Sewer Main Lining Project

Dear Representative Sam Graves,

I am writing in support of a \$1.5M request of funding our City has applied for that would address the Sanitary Sewer infrastructure improvements in the City of Excelsior Springs.

If awarded funding, this project would complete the Sewer Rehabilitation Project by relining the sanitary sewers in several areas of our City that has been identified to have high rates of inflow and infiltration of storm water, but did not get lined due to the project running short on funds. This improvement to the sanitary sewer system would mean less chance of sewer backups for residential home owners, less risk for environmental pollution in streams and creeks, and less cost to the City at the treatment plant in treating the excess combined storm water in the sanitary sewer system.

With the much-needed benefits that this project has to offer the residents of Excelsior Springs, I respectfully request that your office can give full consideration to this \$1.5 Million Earmark towards the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Thank you for this opportunity to get this project completed and helping to keep our operating cost and user rates from rising in Excelsior Springs.

Sincerely,

Chad Birdsong
Director of Public Works
City of Excelsior Springs, Mo.

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March 16, 2023

Dear Congressman Graves:

It is my pleasure to fully recommend the City of Smithville's application for sanitary sewer improvements at the South Force Main, 144th Street Pump Station and Rocky Branch Gravity Sewer.

Over the last few years Smithville has seen both residential and commercial growth within Smithville city limits, including almost doubling in population over the past 20 years. Additionally, Smithville Lake brings an estimated 1.5 million visitors each year, further taxing the city's infrastructure. The wastewater collection system is reaching capacity and will limit future development and growth if not addressed.

These projects will support growth in the southern part of Smithville including employment centers and higher density housing. This includes anticipated development emboldened by the incoming Meta data center just south of city limits.

As a Smithville resident and the Representative for Smithville in the Missouri House of Representatives, I believe that the City of Smithville is more than deserving of this grant award and I request your full and fair consideration of their application.

Should your office have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 573-751-0246 or at Josh.Hurlbert@house.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Hurlbert", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Josh Hurlbert
District 8
Missouri House of Representatives

City of Smithville

107 W. Main St.

Smithville, MO 64089

March 7, 2023

Dear Mayor Boley,

I am writing this letter in support of the South Force Main and 144th Street Pump Station. We are currently in the planning phases of an approximately 249 residential housing and 10 commercial lot development (Fairview Crossing). These improvements are necessary to provide sanitary sewer service and a successful development project.

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March 9, 2023

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Senior Field Representative
Congressman Sam Graves (MO-06)

Dear Mr. Mullendore,

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We appreciate support in funding of these projects.

Sincerely,



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Hannibal Area Chamber of Commerce

Representative Sam Graves
Missouri's Sixth Congressional District

March 20, 2023

RE: F/Y 2024 Interior and Environment Appropriations Community Project Funding
Hannibal North Street and Mark Twain Avenue Stormwater Project.

Dear Congressman Graves,

This letter is to voice our support for funding for the proposed stormwater repairs to North Street and Mark Twain Avenue, which is of critical importance. This corridor is essential to the safety and security of Historic Downtown Hannibal.

The current combined stormwater system was built in the late 1800's and has far exceeded its useful life. In 2019 a section of this stormwater corridor suffered a catastrophic failure near the downtown levee causing flooding damages to streets and businesses. A small section of this corridor nearest the levee was repaired by the Corp of Engineers but the rest still remains vulnerable to collapse.

This project would protect and strengthen one of Northeast Missouri's most important historical and economic generators- the Mark Twain Boyhood Sites. The North Street/Mark Twain Avenue corridor is an essential ingress and egress for both tourists and citizens; it provides not only economic life blood to the City of Hannibal, but is vital to preserving our community's rich history and sense of place.

Thank you for your consideration of funding this severely needed infrastructure improvement for the City of Hannibal.

Respectfully,



McKenzie Disselhorst
Executive Director



March 20, 2023

Representative Sam Graves
Missouri's Sixth Congressional District

RE: F/Y 2024 Interior and Environment Appropriations Community Project Funding Hannibal
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Respectfully,

Hal Benedict
Executive Vice President

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Missouri's Sixth Congressional District

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