

City of Central City

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The City of Central City would like to properly inform our water and sewer customers with the facts, in regards to water and sewer rates. Central City provides water to Muhlenberg County and a portion of Mclean County with the only exception being the city limits of Greenville.

In 2010 the water treatment plant began the process of expanding the production capacity from 4 million gallons of treated water a day to 7 million gallons a day. The plant had been at or over capacity for several years leading up to the expansion. Industry would not look at Muhlenberg County because of the inadequate volume of potable water available so this was the reasoning for the need of extra supply.

The water plant is a luxury most cities do not have the privilege of owning. Not only does it allow the city customers the security of a quality product it also keeps the rate of resale at a much lower cost to the customer. In 2017 the water treatment plant received the KWWOA water treatment plant of the year in the state of Kentucky.

With that being said, our water treatment facility is now 5 years old and wear and tear on pumps and equipment are at the point of repair and maintenance issues are starting to occur at a more frequent rate and regardless who the Mayor or City Council may be, operational costs will continue to go up and rates will have to also. The last water rate increase was implemented in 2013 shortly after the completion of the upgrade. The current contract with both Muhlenberg Districts allow for an increase in wholesale rates every two years but we have opted not to do so. There will be a proposed water rate increase of approximately \$2.05 for the average 5,000 gallon a month user in 2019 for Central City customers only. These rates are set by USDA Rural Development, who holds the debt service on the plant and the Kentucky Public Service Commission which both can tell us when and by how much to increase rates, and we are required to do so by law.

This proposed water rate increase will not affect your sewer and garbage rate. Some people become confused because there is a combined bill for all three services. Only the water rate will change. With the proposed change, Central City still has one of the lowest water rates in the Pennyrile Region.

I wanted to give the customers of Central City water and sewer the facts and ensure that you were properly informed as to any concerns with your water rates. As always, please call city hall with any concerns and questions.

Yours Truly,

Barry Shaver
Mayor