

Why is a wastewater treatment plant needed?

- Current Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) & Ammonia, and EPA tightened restrictions for Ammonia
- To avoid fines levied by the EPA, infrastructure changes are needed to meet the new restrictions, and, if done willingly, more flexibility is allowed for developing plans

Modifications to the current lagoons have met restriction limits less than half as long as expected. They were a calculated risk to reduce costs to users in hopes that population growth would allow for better affordability of a future treatment plant.

If more modifications were made to the lagoons, that cost is estimated to be \$6 million. A new wastewater treatment plant is projected to cost \$12 million and have a much longer life.

For additional information, or to see the full Sewer Study, go to:

www.louisburgkansas.gov/faq.aspx

If you have additional questions, contact City Hall staff at 913-837-5371

Or

Email City Administrator, Nathan Law at nlaw@louisburgkansas.gov

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IMPORTANT Information About Sewer Rates

Rates are increasing as of April bill for March use, per Ordinance 1079.

Rates are increasing by \$9 base and \$0.85 usage (variable).

What are the new sewer rates?

	Base (First 1,000 Gallons)	Variable (Per 1,000 Gallons)
Previous Rate	\$18.00	\$6.30
New Rate	\$27.00	\$7.15

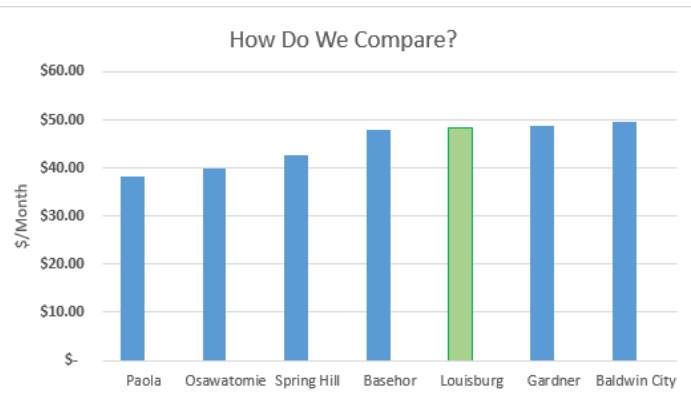
*Rates and changes are the same for Residential and Commercial customers

What will this do to my monthly bill?

For average residential use of 4,000 gallons:

- Previous - \$36.90 sewer only
- Now - \$48.45 sewer only

Residential bills will still be set by Winter Average Consumption (WAC) of water.

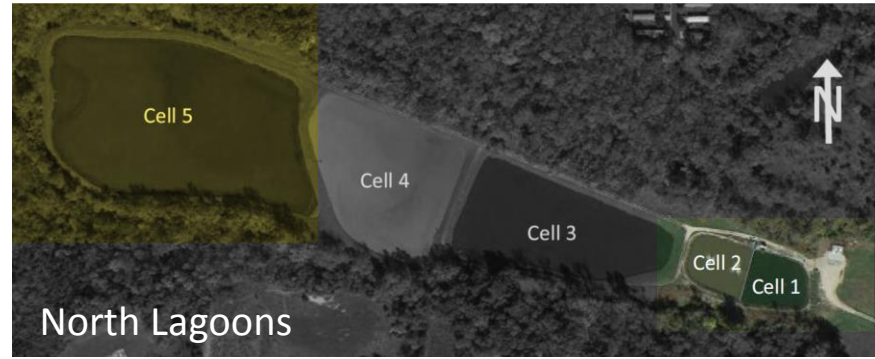


Timeline of Recent Events



↓ 1970s Addition

↓ 1962 Original Lagoons



North Lagoons

2009 Addition ↑

Current Louisburg Sewer Treatment Facilities

2006 Addition ↓



South Lagoons

1990 Addition ↑

What will \$12 million get me?

- Long-term, modifiable plant
- Enough treatment for current needs and future growth
- A compliant wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)



Additional changes and rate considerations will occur. From late 2015 through 2018, Council, staff and consultants will dedicate considerable time weighing options and rates to make an appropriate WWTP a reality.