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We encourage you to attend our public hearing on May 16. To help you prepare, you can review material about the rate increases at [GAUD.ws/2022Rates](http://GAUD.ws/2022Rates), or at our office at 12 Williams Street in Augusta. For all our current rates, please visit our website. If you have any questions or want additional information about the rate increases, you may call Brian Tarbuck, General Manager, at (207) 622-3701, or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207) 287-3831 to ask about water rates. (The PUC doesn't regulate wastewater).

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Rate Changes to Take Effect July 1, 2022**

**Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM • Augusta City Center Council Chambers**

### **Drinking Water & Fire Protection**

Proposed increase is \$1.25/month minimum, and an average of approximately \$2.30/month per residential customer.

### **Wastewater**

Proposed increase is \$2.55/month minimum, and an average of approximately \$7.17/month per residential customer.

*Please visit [GAUD.ws/2022Rates](http://GAUD.ws/2022Rates) or see inside for details.*

Dear Customers,

Greater Augusta Utility District invites the public to a hearing on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM, at the Augusta City Center Council Chambers, to learn more about our proposal to raise water and wastewater rates effective July 1, 2022. While we take pride in keeping costs and rates stable, rising operating costs have made these increases essential. We appreciate your support for the increased revenue needed to continue providing safe and reliable water supplies, and environmentally safe handling of wastewater, as detailed below.

We hope to see you on May 16, 2022. In the meantime, see the back of this insert for ways you can learn more.



## REASONS FOR A PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

### Drinking Water & Fire Protection

- Replace aging pumps, pipes and equipment
- Improve aging computer systems needed to operate the utility
- Increase operational resiliency by adding critical personnel
- Address the rising costs of supplies and energy

The new rates would apply to all customer classes, including public and private fire protection and private hydrants, and would provide a total revenue increase of approximately \$447,185.

### Wastewater

- Upgrade old pump stations
- Replace aging wastewater plant equipment
- Address increasing power and supply costs
- Replace and reline failing pipes
- Increase operational resiliency



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