

## **Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS)**

### **News Advisory**

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### **MAWSS to Hold Public Hearings on Budget, Rates, Fees and Policies**

Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) will hold back-to-back public hearings on Monday, November 22, in the Board room of the main office at 207 N. Catherine Street to hear comments on the Preliminary 2011 Budget that includes a proposed 3 percent rate increase and changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual which includes the schedule of rates and fees. The hearing on Policies and Procedures will begin at 10 a.m. The hearing on the budget will be at 11 a.m. Both documents are available at [www.mawss.com](http://www.mawss.com) under “What’s New at MAWSS”.

If approved, the proposed 3 percent increase would take effect January 1. The increase reflects the rising cost of doing business including the escalating cost of chemicals, supplies, maintenance contracts, health insurance and other operational items. The increase would amount to approximately \$1.20 for most residential customers. MAWSS proposed Operations and Maintenance Budget is \$54,500,000.

Proposed changes in fees and charges listed in the Policies and Procedures Manual, have been adjusted to more accurately reflect the cost of the services.

Other policy changes proposed include an earlier closing time of 4:30 p.m. for the payment centers including the drive-up, tighter restrictions on residential leak credits, and new requirements for establishing service.

Written comments will be received until Dec. 17. Comments can also be made on the MAWSS web site, [www.mawss.com](http://www.mawss.com) .