

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

### **News Advisory**

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### **MAWSS to Raise Rates 5 Percent Starting February 1**

The Board of Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) voted today to raise water and sewer rates 5 percent annually effective February 1. The Board also pledged to review budget needs each year before implementing increases, leaving open the option to reduce or eliminate increases for future years if cost saving measures are successful or if the rates are otherwise not necessary for system operations.

The increase applies to water and sewer rates only and does not affect the administration fee on the bill. The average residential water and sewer customer who uses approximately 5000 gallons of water a month will see their bill increase from \$44.60 a month to \$46.60 a month, a \$2 increase. The money will be used to meet new regulatory requirements for water and wastewater treatment that will make drinking water safer and better protect surface waters from pollution. The increase will also provide funds to repair and replace aging infrastructure. The increase is expected to generate around \$3.7 million in 2012.

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