

Notice to Citizens of Everman

The State of Texas, through TCEQ and Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, has imposed a fee on the City of Everman for the water pumped to service your needs for household water. The fee originally was three cents per thousand gallons pumped and it was absorbed by the City water department budget. However, this fee has grown to 12.5 cents per thousand gallons and may go higher. The City administration has appealed to TCEQ for relief, but this plea fell on deaf ears.

As a consequence, the City administration will be submitting an ordinance to your City Council for their approval that would effectively pass through these State mandates to the citizens in the form of a Water Rate Increase. It is expected that this vote will take place on August 9, 2016 in the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, and, if approved, the increase will be present on the August month-end billing.

The impact on an individual water bill will be minor. If an individual uses 10,000 gallons in a month his bill will increase \$1.25. However, the cumulative impact on the City's water fund is significant at a time when the City is planning system-wide improvements to conserve water and strengthen our infrastructure.

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