



## City of Grovetown Utility Billing Information Sheet



### New Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Fee

What is this fee and why does it appear on my monthly Utility Bill?

**The new wastewater treatment plant construction fee will be used to pay for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in the City of Grovetown.**

**The current wastewater treatment plant is at maximum capacity and can accept no more wastewater than it currently treats.**

**In fact, for a number of years much of the wastewater generated by Grovetown residents has been pumped to and treated by plants in Columbia and Richmond Counties, for which the City is charged a fee that must be passed on to the customer. In order to regain the ability to treat all of our own wastewater so we no longer need to send our wastewater elsewhere and incur the additional expense, in 2015 the City Council agreed to build a new wastewater treatment plant next to the old plant inside the City limits.**

When will this fee begin?

**The fee will be added to all wastewater (sewer service) customers beginning in June 2017.**

How much will this new fee be and why?

**The new wastewater treatment plant construction fee will begin at \$5 per month during the first phase of the construction and will rise incrementally to a maximum of \$20 per month per customer account (household or business).**

**The Grovetown wastewater treatment plant will cost twenty three million dollars. During the construction of the plant the City must begin paying interest on the \$23M loan and upon completion will begin paying on the principal of this loan.**



Why is the new wastewater treatment plant so expensive and why can't we have a smaller plant that costs less?

**In order to treat all wastewater produced by the City – what the current plant treats plus the wastewater Grovetown currently sends to Columbia and Richmond Counties to be treated – as well as accommodate anticipated City growth the next ten to twenty years, the new wastewater treatment plant has been designed to treat 3 million gallons per day. This is twice the capacity of the current plant and will prevent the need to upgrade or build a new plant for an estimated 30 years.**

Who is required to pay the wastewater treatment plant construction fee?

**All City of Grovetown wastewater (sewer service) customers, both residential and commercial, will be required to pay the wastewater treatment plant construction fee.**

Will this fee be based on my water bill or monthly consumption?

**No. All City of Grovetown wastewater (sewer service) customers will be charged a flat fee of \$5 per month to start, not to exceed a maximum of \$20 per month.**

How will I recognize on which part of my bill the fee is listed?

**The wastewater treatment plant construction fee will appear on your monthly utility bill in the following manner: WW PLANT FEE**

When will construction of the new wastewater treatment plant begin? When will the plant be operational?

**The new wastewater treatment plant construction will occur in four phases. The first phase, the Headworks phase, will begin May 1, 2017.**

**The second phase, construction of the physical plant, will have contractor bids submitted this summer with construction beginning in late summer or early fall 2017.**

**The new wastewater treatment plant is expected to begin operations in the late winter or spring of 2019.**