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For Immediate Publication:

Water & Wastewater Rate Increase To Begin in June

Plainfield, IL -- Plainfield residents will see rate increases reflected on their June utility bill. The Village Board recently approved an increase in the water and wastewater rates because the City of Chicago has raised water rates by 44% since 2008.

Usage will now be charged at the following rates:

- Water = \$4.38/100 cubic feet (cf) of water. (Base charge 100 cf.)
- Sewer = \$2.50/100 cubic feet (cf) of water. (Base charge 300 cf.)

The capital charge, which funds the maintenance of water and sewer infrastructure, will increase from \$5 to \$7 per month.

This means:

- Residents with average water usage (900 cubic feet per month) will see an increase of approximately \$4.52 per month.
- Residents that receive a minimum water/wastewater bill will see an increase of \$2.56 per month.

This increase is the second of the planned rate increases. The Village Board realized that residents could not bear the entire rate increase at once and planned a series of increases over three years.

Seniors who qualify for the County "Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption" can apply for a 10% discount on the monthly water, sewer, and capital charges by providing Utility Billing with a copy of their tax bill, which lists the exemption, via mail or in person at Village Hall. Please note: Seniors that have already applied for the utility bill discount do not need to reapply each year.

If you have any questions regarding your utility bill, please contact the Village of Plainfield at (815) 439-2923 or (815) 439-4257.

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