

St. Tammany Parish Utility Rate Hike

Heads up fellow peasants; there's an ordinance being introduced on November 6 that will **DOUBLE** most residential water and sewer rates starting January 2026. It's called **Ordinance 8002**, and it doesn't stop there.

Let's break it down.

1. New Rates vs. Old Rates (Residential Customers)

(Average monthly bill for 4,000 gallons of water & sewer)

Utility Zone	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	\$ Increase	% Increase
Tammany Utilities East	\$49.68	\$124.40	+\$74.72	+150%
Tammany Utilities West	\$39.90	\$80.40	+\$40.50	+102%
Parishwide Flat Rate (outside East/West)	\$35.34	\$71.50	+\$36.16	+102%
Ben Thomas/Alton	\$18.00	\$41.00	+\$23.00	+128%

These are just the residential base charges.. commercial and industrial rates are also going up.

2. What's the MCI and Why You Should Care

Slipped into the ordinance is something called the **Municipal Cost Index (MCI)**. Sounds boring, right? That's the trick.

Here's what it means:

The MCI is an inflation number the parish will use to automatically raise YOUR water and sewer rates EVERY YEAR, without a vote, public input, or any warning. So your doubled bill in 2026 will go up again in 2027, 2028, and so on, by *3-5% or more each year*.

It's like getting a surprise subscription text from Verizon every January, but it's the parish.

This matters because:

- It **bypasses public accountability** no more voters weighing in on rate hikes
- It **hits fixed-income families hardest**
- It **adds up FAST** 3% a year becomes 16% in 5 years, 34% in 10

Your bill could quietly TRIPLE in the next decade. No emoji can soften that.

3. Who This Impacts

- **Unincorporated St. Tammany** (outside city limits like Slidell, Covington, Mandeville, Abita Springs)
 - You're on **Parish water/sewer** if your bill says "**Tammany Utilities**"
 - Slidell city limits? You're not affected... for now
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4. What You Can Do About It

- Attend the Parish Council introduction on November 6th
 - It's up for a VOTE in the December 2025 meeting
 - Email your council member: <https://stpgov.org/council>
 - Public comment DOES make a difference as recent pushback has stopped similar rate hikes in other parishes
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5. Bottom Line

The parish is pitching this like a “necessary adjustment,” but the truth is:

They're proposing a **100–150% rate hike overnight**, and then locking in a **permanent annual increase** that you'll never get to vote on again.

If you're not mad yet, read that table again.

The following is going to be the *literal literature* I sourced, instead of linking it and giving you my sources, you can scroll through to read the information for yourself.

CURRENT (before ordinance 8002):

Sec. 40-333. - Service rates and fees.

(a) *System fees.* These fees shall apply to all customers or subscribers of a sewerage and/or water system owned and operated by the parish.

(1) *Water service fee.*

Capacity reservation fee	Not to exceed \$3.50 per gallon for any subdivision not already having obtained preliminary subdivision approval as of the effective date of adoption of amendments passed in 2024
Tap-in-fee	
¾" service	\$605.00
1" service	\$748.00
1½" service	\$1,012.00
2" service	\$1,385.00
Above 2" service	605.00 (plus actual cost of meter and all necessary fittings)
Connection fee	\$70.00
Reconnection fee (this charge is for re-establishing service after disconnection for nonpayment, failure to make deposit, fraudulent or seasonal use)	\$70.00
Deposit	2½ times average monthly bill (\$40.00 minimum)
Service charge (this charge shall cover the cost of utility employee sent to a consumers premises at the customer's request when the trouble is found to be in the consumer's house piping)	\$75.00
Tampering (this fee applies to anyone who illegally taps into the system or in any way destroys or tampers with the system; including meters, meter boxes, lines, valves, etc.)	\$250.00
After Hours Call Out - After hours water turn on after disconnection of service on same day (in addition to reconnection fee).	\$125.00

(2) *Sewer service fees.*

Capacity reservation fee	Not to exceed \$8.50 per gallon for any subdivision not already having obtained preliminary subdivision approval as of the effective date of adoption of amendments passed in 2024
Tap-in fee	\$600.00
Connection fee	\$30.00
Reconnection fee (this charge is for re-establishing service after disconnection for non-payment, failure to make deposit, fraudulent or seasonal use)	\$30.00
Service charge (this charge shall cover the cost of a utility employee sent to a customer's premises at the customer's request when the trouble is found to be in the customer's house piping)	\$75.00
Deposit	2½ times the average monthly bill (\$40.00 minimum)
Tampering fee (this fee applies to anyone who illegally taps into the system or in any way destroys or tampers with the system; including meters, meter boxes, lines, valves, etc.)	\$250.00
Late payment charge	6 percent of the unpaid balance

(3) *System construction fee collection agreement.*

a. The parish acknowledges the need for the construction of water and sewer infrastructure to facilitate connections to the Department of Utilities water and sewer system. In some cases individuals are willing to construct the lines to connect to the Department of Utilities but, seek reimbursement of a pro rata portion from neighboring lot owners who will utilize the lines. The following provisions shall apply to the process of assessment and collection of the pro rata portion of the new system construction fee.

1. The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this section:

(i) Applicant shall mean the person who will construct or actually constructs the water and/or sewer infrastructure across undeveloped property for which he seeks reimbursement of its costs;

(ii) Application shall mean the form prepared by the Department of Utilities that contains all information necessary to process a request for a new system construction fee agreement;

(iii) Neighboring lot owner shall mean owners of lots which benefit from the installation of water and/sewer lines which they will be compelled to connect and for which they will owe a pro rata reimbursement of the cost of construction therefore;

(iv) Minor subdivision shall have that meaning as defined in the parish Code;

(v) New system construction fee is the pro rate share of the cost of construction and installation of water and/or sewer lines across neighboring lot owner's property and which is owed by each neighboring lot owner upon connection to the Department of Utilities;

(vi) New system construction fee agreement is the document that will be prepared upon approval of same by the Department of Utilities and which will provide for the collection and payment of the pro rata share of the cost of construction and installation of water and/or sewer lines across neighboring lot owner's property and which is owed by each neighboring lot owner upon connection to Department of Utilities;

(vii) New system infrastructure is water and/or sewer lines constructed and installed by an applicant and for which the applicant seeks reimbursement from neighboring lot owners;

(viii) Plans and specifications shall mean a complete set of the plans and specifications which describe and depict the sewer and/or water lines to be constructed and installed. The plans and specifications shall be signed and stamped by a licensed engineer upon submittal to the Department of Utilities;

(ix) Subdivision shall have that meaning as defined in this Code;

(x) The Department of Utilities shall mean the water and sewer services provided by the parish operated by the Department of Utilities.

b. New system infrastructure shall be installed from the existing main at a point determined by the Department of Utilities to the farthest corner of the subject property or the entire road frontage of the subject property, whichever is applicable. The entire cost of any new infrastructure, including temporary services, fire services, irrigation services, and relocation of an existing service, shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

c. New system infrastructure shall be sized to provide required fire capacity and flows, and shall include fire hydrants as required by the Department of Utilities.

d. Individuals who construct the necessary infrastructure to connect to a Department of Utilities sewer and/or water line, hereinafter referred to as new system infrastructure, within public right-of-way or right-of-way owned by the parish and across undeveloped lots can make application with the parish for a new system construction fee collection agreement ("collection agreement").

e. The following documents shall be submitted with the application:

1. Plans and specifications for the new system infrastructure;

2. Invoices with all necessary backup documentation and proof of payment evidencing the construction of the new system infrastructure; and

3. Any and all other documents requested by the Department of Utilities.

f. Upon completion of the new system infrastructure, the Department of Utilities will inspect the infrastructure to ensure that it meets all of its applicable regulations.

g. Upon verification that the new system infrastructure has been constructed as designed and that proper payment has been made by the applicant, the parish will prepare and enter into a new system construction fee collection agreement, whereby the parish agrees to collect from the neighboring lot owners a new system construction fee being a pro rata portion of the total cost of construction of the new system infrastructure. This pro rata portion shall be based upon the amount of linear footage of the new system infrastructure which services each neighboring lot owner. Once the parish determines that the applicant is entitled to seek a new system construction fee, the pro rata portion shall be assessed to each neighboring lot owner and collected as stated herein.

- h. The parish will use its best efforts to collect the pro rata portion from each neighboring lot owner when that individual makes application to connect to Department of Utilities water and/or sewer system. There shall be no obligation on behalf of the parish to pay the applicant's cost of the new system infrastructure as the parish shall only act as a conduit for the reimbursement of the new system infrastructure.
- i. This provision shall not apply to minor subdivisions or any subdivision of any type.
- j. The obligation of the parish to collect the pro rata portion of the new system infrastructure fee shall expire five years from the date that the parish enters into the new system construction fee collection agreement.
- k. The parish shall not have any obligation to pursue collection efforts of the pro rata portion from each neighboring lot owner. The obligation to pay remains with the neighboring lot owner. The parish intends to act simply a collection agent for the cost of implementing the new system infrastructure.
- l. An administration fee of \$100.00 shall be assessed for each collection made by the parish pursuant to a new system construction fee collection agreement.

(b) *Ben Thomas Road and Alton area rates.*

<i>Monthly Water Service</i>	
Residential	\$13.00
Small commercial	\$52.00
Large commercial	\$156.00
<i>Monthly Sewerage Service</i>	
Residential	\$25.00
Small commercial	\$80.00
Large commercial	\$155.00
Parish inspection fee	\$0.30

(c) *Parish administrative complex water and sewerage rates.*

<i>Monthly Water Service</i>	
First 4,000 gallons or portions thereof	\$24.00
Each additional 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$2.00
<i>Monthly sewerage service</i>	
90 percent of water service billing	\$15.60 (minimum)

(d) *Oakwood Estates sewerage rates.*

Monthly Sewerage Service	
Residential	\$26.00
Repair surcharge (10 years - expires December 31, 2014)	\$13.00

(e) *St. Tammany Parish—Diversified foods and seasonings water and sewerage rates.*

<i>Monthly Water Service</i>	
First 54,000 gallons or portions thereof	\$220.50
Each additional 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$3.20
<i>Monthly Sewerage Service</i>	
Monthly sewerage service up to 150 percent of water service billing	

(f) *Tammany Utilities east—Water and sewerage rates.*

<i>Monthly Water Service</i>	
Residential	
Metered rate	
Residential and apartment complexes with individual meters	
First 4,000 gallons or less	\$12.50 (minimum)
Each additional 1,000 gallons or portions thereof	\$1.75 per 1,000 gallons
Commercial	
Flat rate	

Flat rate commercial	\$150.00
Flat rate apartments	\$12.50 per rental unit
Metered rate	
0–4,000 gallons	\$26.50
All additional	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons
<i>Monthly Sewerage Service</i>	
Residential	
Residential customers	100 percent of water rate \$15.00 (minimum) \$44.00 (maximum)
Commercial	
Commercial customers	100 percent of water rate \$26.00 (minimum) No maximum
Flat rate apartments	\$15.00 per rental unit
Flat rate sewer (GS2)	\$150.00
Rest area monitoring and maintenance fee	Up to \$156.00
<i>Monthly Service Fee</i>	
Residential	Not to exceed \$2.50 per customer
Commercial	Not to exceed \$2.50 per customer

(g) *North Shore Beach Area sewerage rates.*

Residential	\$25.00
Commercial	\$60.00
Flat rate—Apartments	\$15.00 per rental unit

(h) *Tammany Utilities; monthly water service, residential.*

(1) *Flat rate.*

Flat rate residential	\$22.00 per month
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(2) *Metered rate residential and apartment complexes with individual meters.*

First 4,000 gallons or less	\$19.00 (minimum)
Each additional 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$2.90 per 1,000 gallons

(3) *Apartment complexes with master meters.*

First 4,000 gallons or less	\$37.70 (minimum)
Over 4,000 gallons up to 500,000	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
All additional	\$1.90 per 1,000 gallons

(4) *Commercial flat rate.*

Flat rate commercial	\$30.60
Commercial flat rate (C18)	\$157.00
Flat rate apartments (R08)	\$266.70
Metered rate	
0–4,000 gallons	\$41.70
All additional	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons

Size of Meter	Minimum Usage	Minimum Bill
3/4 inches x 5/8 inches	4,000 gallons	\$41.70
1 inch	8,000 gallons	\$55.60
1½ inches	18,000 gallons	\$89.30
2 inch	26,000 gallons	\$116.30
3 inch	35,000 gallons	\$146.70
4 inch	44,000 gallons	\$177.00
6 inch	54,000 gallons	\$244.40
All additional	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons	

(5) *Terra Bella Subdivision*. Instead of the parish's standard tap-in-fee, for each new water connection in the Terra Bella Subdivision, including phase 1-A-1 and 1-A-2, a tap-in fee in the amount of \$750.00 shall be charged, at the time of tap-in, for each residential user. No building permit shall be issued without the payment of the parish tap-in-fee.

(6) *Eagle Landing Subdivision*. In addition to the parish tap-in-fee, for each new water connection in the Eagle Landing Subdivision, where applicable, a system construction fee shall be charged in accordance with the utility services agreement dated February 1, 2008, and as amended. No building permit shall be issued without the payment of the parish tap-in-fee and the system construction fee.

(7) *Del Sol Subdivision*. In addition to the parish tap-in-fee, for each new water connection in the Del Sol Subdivision, where applicable, a system construction fee shall be charged in accordance with the utility services agreement dated October 29, 2007, and as amended. No building permit shall be issued without the payment of the parish tap-in-fee and the system construction fee.

(8) *Weston Glen Subdivision*. In addition to the parish tap-in-fee, for each new water connection in the Weston Glen Subdivision, where applicable, a system construction fee shall be charged in accordance with the utility services agreement dated May 25, 2007, and as amended. No building permit shall be issued without the payment of the parish tap-in-fee and the system construction fee.

(9) *Northshore Commercial Park Subdivision*. In addition to the parish tap-in-fee, for each new water connection in the Northshore Commercial Park Subdivision, where applicable, a system construction fee shall be charged in accordance with the utility services agreement dated June 4, 2007, and as amended. No building permit shall be issued without the payment of the parish tap-in-fee and the system construction fee.

<i>Monthly Sewerage Service</i>	
Residential	
Residential customers	115 percent of water rate \$28.60 (minimum) \$58.10 (maximum)
Residential flat (S10)	\$28.60
Bedico Creek Customers	115 percent of water rate \$33.36 (minimum) \$67.83 (maximum)
Commercial	
Commercial customers	115 percent of water rate \$62.40 (minimum) No maximum
Flat rate apartments (So8)	\$383.88

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a. *Indexed increases*. Except as expressly provided herein, all water and sewer rates, fees and costs shall be adjusted annually using the "Municipal Cost Index" issued by Penton Media, Inc. though American City and County (<http://americancityandcounty.com/mciarchive/>).

1. Each January 1 the then-current water and sewer rates shall be revised by an amount equal to the percentage change in the municipal cost index for the previous 12-month period comprised from October of the prior year and October two years' prior.
2. Provided, however, the percentage increase shall not exceed four percent without council approval. For example, on January 1, 2012, rates shall increase four percent based on the percentage change in the municipal cost index from October 2010 (212.8) to October 2011 (223.6) of 5.08% $((223.6 - 212.8)/212.8)$. If the percentage change in the municipal cost index for such period of October to October is zero or less than zero, then no increase to the water and sewer rates shall occur for that calendar year.
3. Rates shall be rounded up to the nearest tenth of a dollar. Indexed increases do not apply to:
 - (i) Capacity reservation fees;
 - (ii) Tap-in fees;
 - (iii) Connection fees;
 - (iv) Re-connect fees;
 - (v) Deposit;
 - (vi) Service charge;
 - (vii) Tampering;
 - (viii) Late payment charge;
 - (ix) Parish inspection fee;
 - (x) Repair surcharge.
4. If the municipal cost index is subsequently converted to a different standard reference base or otherwise revised, the numerator and denominator of the fraction set out in this rate ordinance will be determined by using any conversion factor, formula or table published by a nationally recognized publisher of similar statistical information. If the municipal cost index ceases to be published, for the purposes hereof, any other index chosen by parish may be substituted therefor.

(Code 1998, § 23-810.00; Ord. No. 09-2067, 6-4-2009; Ord. No. 09-2181, 12-3-2009; Ord. No. 10-2257, 4-1-2010; Ord. No. 10-2357, 10-7-2010; Ord. No. 11-2561, 7-7-2011; Ord. No. 11-2645, 12-1-2011; Ord. No. 12-2707, 4-5-2012; [Ord. No. 24-5427](#), 5-2-202

PROPOSED Ord. 8002:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE C.S. NO. 12-2707, ADOPTED APRIL 5, 2012, AND CODIFIED AS SEC. 40-333 – SERVICE RATES AND FEES, PARTS B – I, WHICH ESTABLISHED AND VALIDATED RATES AND FEES FOR SEWERAGE AND WATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY SYSTEMS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PARISH WHEREAS,

Parish regulations set forth that the Parish shall provide for a review and validation of each and every schedule of rates effected for the environmental service(s) the Parish provides to the customers or subscribers of a sewerage and/or water system owned and operated by the Parish.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government participated in the Louisiana Water Sector Program which requires a rate study be completed for the utility that is funded by this grant, and any actions determined to be needed regarding utility rates must be taken to implement the changes.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government has acquired multiple water and/or wastewater systems with established rate structures and in conformance with the actions recommended by the rate study shall now establish a common rate structure utilized by all water and/or wastewater systems owned and operated by the Parish.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government amended this Ordinance with Ordinance 24-5427 in April of 2024 to amend the Part A. System Fees. Part A. System Fees section is excluded from this Ordinance amendment.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that the schedule of rates for the sewerage and/or water system owned and operated by the Parish, as specified on the subject schedule of rates and inclusive of the indexed increases **as of January 1, 2026**, which are attached hereto and made part hereof, are reviewed and deemed reasonable and valid:

Sec. 40-333. Service rates and fees.

1. Department of Utilities Water and Sewerage Rates
2. Indexed increases

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of each aforesaid schedule of rates shall be publicly displayed at the office of the St. Tammany Parish Department of Utilities and, as applicable and appropriate, its billing agents; and provided to any person upon written request to the Parish. The aforesaid schedule of rates shall remain valid and in effect until changed by ordinance.

REPEAL: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective January 1st, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

MONTHLY WATER SERVICE

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE

Flat Rate Residential \$44.19 per month

Flat Rate Multi-Family \$ 401.56 per month

METERED RATE

RESIDENTIAL & APARTMENT COMPLEXES WITH INDIVIDUAL METERS

First 2,000 gallons or less 26.06(Minimum)
Each additional 1,000 gallons 4.53 per 1,000 gallons

**NON-RESIDENTIAL & MULTI FAMILY/APARTMENT COMPLEXES WITH MASTER METERS
FLAT RATE**

Flat Rate Non-Residential 126.69

METERED RATE

Size of Meter / Min. Usage / Minimum Bill

3/4" x 5/8" / 2,000 gallons / 56.03

1" / 2,000 gallons / 93.39

1 1/2" / 2,000 gallons / 119.38

2" / 2,000 gallons / 155.02

3" / 2,000 gallons / 195.60

4" / 2,000 gallons / 235.77

6" / 2,000 gallons / 325.27

8" / 2,000 gallons \$520.44

Industrial 2,000 gallons \$ Same as NonResidential, based on meter size

All additional usage (excluding Industrial) 5.05 per 1,000 gallons All additional Industrial usage \$4.84 per 1,000 gallons

Terra Bella Subdivision

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MONTHLY SEWERAGE SERVICE

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE

Flat Rate Residential \$ 55.32 per month

Flat Rate Multi-Family \$ 208.30 per month

METERED RATE

RESIDENTIAL & APARTMENT COMPLEXES WITH INDIVIDUAL METERS

First 2,000 gallons or less \$ 41.40 (Minimum)

Maximum \$ 94.00 (Maximum)

Each additional 1,000 gallons \$ 5.54 per 1,000 gallons

NON-RESIDENTIAL & MULTI FAMILY/APARTMENT COMPLEXES WITH MASTER METERS

FLAT RATE

Flat Rate Non-Residential \$ 166.12

METERED RATE

Size of Meter Min. / Usage / Minimum Bill

3/4" x 5/8" 2,000 gallons \$ 92.46

1" 2,000 gallons \$ 110.00

1 1/2" 2,000 gallons \$ 129.57

2" 2,000 gallons \$ 168.25

3" 2,000 gallons \$ 212.28

4" 2,000 gallons \$ 255.93

6" 2,000 gallons \$ 353.03

8" 2,000 gallons \$ 736.70

Industrial 2,000 gallons \$ Same as Non-Residential, based on meter size

All additional usage (excluding Industrial) \$ 5.54 per 1,000 gallons

All additional Industrial usage \$ 6.85 per 1,000 gallons

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INDEXED INCREASES

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Indexed Increases do not apply to:

- I. Capacity Reservation Fees
- II. Tap-In Fees
- III. Connection Fees
- IV. Re-Connect Fees
- V. Deposit
- VI. Service Charge
- VII. Tampering
- VIII. Late Payment Charge
- IX. Parish Inspection Fee
- X. Repair Surcharge

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Ordinance Administrative Comment

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Council Meeting Date Introduced: November 6, 2025

Adopted: Department Utilities by Civil Division Assistant District Attorney

Parish seeks to establish and validate fees for sewerage and water services provided by systems owned and operated by the Parish.