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RE: City Council Approved 2019 Utility Billing Rate

At the October 1, 2018, meeting, the City Council approved the following effective January 1, 2019:

1. **5% increase** for water and wastewater utility rates.
2. **Late payment fee** of \$25.00 plus 1% of current overdue balance for services incurred in 2019 and for services incurred in 2018 when the payment for those services is due in 2019 or past-due in 2019. Utility bills are due before 5:00 PM on the 15th day of each month, or the business day closest to the 15th if the 15th falls on a weekend.
3. **Garbage and recycling residential walk-up service fee** of \$20.00 per month per property. The service is available to residents upon request and if approved by the City Administrator. Drivers will retrieve, empty and return recycling and garbage carts, but may not enter structures. There is a three (3) month minimum for this service.
4. **Standby or Base Charges** per month for water per business or residential property or per living unit and residential garbage and recycling whether or not garbage and recycling is collected as system still exists.
5. **Water reconnection fee** of \$100.00. The responsible party must schedule reconnect in advance per availability of city personnel. The amount due plus the reconnection fee must be paid in full (No checks will be accepted) before service is reinstated. If the service is disconnected due to a city project, water reconnection fee will not be required.
6. **Non-sufficient funds charge** of \$35.00 – No checks accepted after first offense.

The City of Jamestown currently accepts cash, checks, money orders, credit cards, and the automatic pay plan for utility payments. Credit card payments are also accepted online at www.jamestownnd.org. A drop box is located near the SE alley entrance at City Hall, 102 3rd Ave S.E., for your convenience. More detailed information is available on the City website at www.jamestownnd.org.