

ALABASTER WATER BOARD
MARCH 6, 2019

The Alabaster Water Board (Board) strives to provide customers with a safe, high quality and reliable water supply. The Board manages its operations efficiently to minimize the cost of water service to its customers and works to balance the cost of providing service with needed system capital improvements. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that water rates are adequate to cover rising wholesale water costs and other operating expenses and to cover debt service for water system repair and replacement and for planned capital improvements. Between fiscal years 2014 and 2018, the Board reinvested over \$9,100,000 in needed capital improvements.

The Board retained a qualified rate consultant in August of 2018 to review the adequacy of the existing water rates to support operating expenses and additional long term borrowing of approximately \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 for necessary capital improvements. After the completion of the water rate study and after careful consideration of the rate consultants rate recommendations, the Board adopted the recommended 5% water rate increase on March 5, 2019 effective with the April 2019 billing.

For all water customers, the minimum water bill will increase by 5% as shown on the table below. Block 1 water usage will increase by \$0.23 per thousand gallons and Block 2 water usage will increase by \$0.25 per thousand gallons.

A customer with a ¾-inch water meter that uses 3,000 gallons of water per month will see an \$0.89 per month water bill increase from \$17.97 to \$18.86. A customer with a ¾-inch water meter that uses 5,000 gallons of water per month will see a \$1.35 increase from \$27.27 to \$28.62.

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Revised Water Rates Effective with April 2019 Billing

Base Charge (Minimum)	Gallons Included	Existing Rate	April 2019
¾" Residential	<2,500	\$15.64	\$16.42
¾" Commercial	<2,500	\$15.64	\$16.42
1" Commercial	<6,000	\$32.06	\$33.66
1.5" Commercial	<11,600	\$58.35	\$61.27
2" Commercial	<21,300	\$106.62	\$111.95
3" Commercial	<71,300	\$333.48	\$350.15
4" Commercial	<126,100	\$547.46	\$574.83
6" Commercial	<252,200	\$1,145.58	\$1,202.86
Usage Charge Over Minimum:		Existing Rate	April 2019
Block 1 (Next 12,500 Gal. For All Customers)		\$4.65	\$4.88
Block 2 (All Usage Above Block 1)		\$5.05	\$5.30

For more information, please contact the Board at 205-663-6155.