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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
TANEY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT RATE CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the TANEY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT will at its regular monthly meeting to be held on January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the TANEY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT office, located at 6733 E. State Highway 76, Kirbyville, Missouri, consider adopting a rate change. The public is invited to attend and address the Board regarding the proposed rate change. Information on the proposed rate change can be obtained at the TANEY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT office located at 6733 E. State Highway 76, Kirbyville, Missouri, the District's website tcrsd.org, or by calling 417-544-0655.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brad Allbritton'.

BRAD ALLBRITTON, Administrator
Taney County Regional Sewer District

Mission

The Taney County Regional Sewer District exists to protect and improve the drinking water, lakes, and streams of Taney County, Missouri.

Strategy

The Taney County Regional Sewer District accomplishes its mission by successfully providing regional wastewater collection and treatment services, completing sewer extensions and treatment facility regionalization projects, and modernizing existing infrastructure, all while efficiently utilizing Taney County Sewer Sales Tax Funds and user revenues; and assisting and serving its customers, county tax payers, visitors, and local partners.



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Why a Rate Adjustment Is Needed for 2026

The Taney County Regional Sewer District works to accomplish its mission by safely collecting and treating over one million gallons of wastewater per day for our community. Each year, the cost of operating and maintaining the sewer system increases. For 2026, our budget shows that current rates will not generate enough revenue to cover these rising costs. With this we are proposing a 6.7% rate increase to go into effect in February of 2026 that sets the rates at **\$40.00/month for residential customers** and **\$40.00/month base rate for the first 2,000 gallons plus \$8.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons per month for non-residential customers**. This would be the first rate increase in 14 years, while still maintaining an average comparable sewer cost for the region.

Key Reasons for the Needed Adjustment

- **Operating costs are rising.** Treatment, equipment, insurance, utilities, and system maintenance continue to increase and are essential to keeping the system functioning properly. Current estimated annual expenditures for the 2026 budget are **\$3,967,296***.
- **Staffing costs have grown.** Competitive wages, insurance, and retirement benefits are necessary to retain trained operators and meet state and federal requirements.
- **Revenues are not keeping up.** Even with customer growth and over 4,000 residential customers and 199 commercial customers, current rates fall short of covering the full cost of service. Projected revenue at the current rates for 2026 is **\$3,655,342.15**.
- **Reserves are declining.** Without a rate adjustment, the District would operate at an estimated deficit of about **\$312,000** in 2026, reducing reserve funds needed for emergencies and system repairs and replacements.

Our Goal

The rate adjustment ensures we can:

- Continue maintaining reliable sewer service
- Keep up with rising operating and maintenance costs
- Continue the important job of protecting public health and the environment
- Maintain responsible financial reserves

The District is committed to keeping rates as fair and reasonable as possible while ensuring the long-term reliability of our system.

** Additional budget information available upon request.*