



CITY OF BINGEN NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2005

Water and Sewer Rates

Effective January 1, 2005 water and sewer rates have increased.

Water	2005 Rate
Residential	\$21.00
Commercial	\$37.00
Light Industrial	\$112.00
Heavy Industrial	\$372.00
Sewer	2005 Rate
All Customers	\$33.00

In addition overage charges will increase for both water and sewer.

Residential

The base rate for residential customers includes 6,000 gallons of water. Any gallons over 6,000 are charged \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons (or any portion of). Residential customers do not pay overage charges for sewer.

Commercial/Light Industrial/Heavy Industrial

The base rate for commercial, light industrial and heavy industrial customers includes 10,000 gallons of water. Any gallons over 10,000 are charged \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons (or any portion of).

Sewer overage is based on gallons of water used. The base fee includes 8,500 gallons which equates to one ERU (equivalent residential unit). Overage is charged at \$12.00 per ½ ERU or 4,250 gallons (or portion of).

Customers outside the city limits are charged 1.25 times the normal rates for both water and sewer.

Fireworks – To Ban or Not To Ban

The City of Bingen would like to hear from its citizens about whether or not fireworks should be prohibited within the city limits of Bingen.

A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 112 N. Ash. This is your opportunity to express your viewpoint on this subject.

- Should all fireworks be banned
- Should all legal consumer fireworks be allowed
- Should only some legal consumer fireworks be banned
- Should the setting off of fireworks be restricted to specific days and times



City Council Vacancy

Jeanette Fentie has announced her resignation from the Bingen City Council effective January 31. The city is seeking applicants for the vacant position. Letters of intent, including a resume, must be submitted by February 15 at 5:00 p.m. Interested parties should be present at the scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. where the Council will review the resumes and choose an individual to fill the unexpired term.

City Council Meetings

The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at City Hall, 112 N. Ash. The public is invited to attend.

Dog Licenses

All dogs residing in the City of Bingen are required to be licensed. Neutered or spayed dogs cost \$2.50 per year while unaltered dogs cost \$10.00 per year. Licenses are available at City Hall, 112 N. Ash.

Business Licenses

Business licenses are required for all businesses operating or conducting business in the City of Bingen. This includes, but is not limited to, businesses actually located in Bingen, home occupations located in Bingen, daycare providers, contractors, subcontractors, and salesmen.

Business licenses are available at City Hall, 112 N. Ash.

Bingen Council Members and Staff

Brian Prigel, Mayor
Randy Anderson, Council Member
Laura Mann, Council Member
Betty Barnes, Council Member
Terry Trantow, Council Member
Jeanette Fentie, Council Member

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Dena Riggleman, Deputy Clerk
Brandon Walter, Public Works Superintendent
Esteban Sanchez, Public Works Maintenance
Tom Hons, Bingen Treatment Plant Operator
Mark Scowden, Treatment Plant Operator
Micheal Robarge, Dallesport Plant Operator

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