



City of Greenland, AR
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Ordinance 405 was passed in its first reading last night at the city council meeting. This is the ordinance amending the sewer surcharge rates that were placed on our city residents by State of AR for the sewer repairs. The intent was to pass the ordinance on all three readings and use emergency clause to immediately reduce the sewer rates, but there were not the required number of council persons in attendance to use emergency clause. I have already called for a special council meeting on Monday Aug 18th to enact the second and third reading of Ordinance 405 to reduce the sewer surcharge. As long as six or more council persons appear at meeting to vote then it will pass. I will send it to City of Fayetteville billing dept for reduction in fees as soon as it is passed.

The sewer rates are calculated by the state of AR, not by the city, specifically targeted at the minimum needed to cover bonds issued for the state mandated sewer upgrades. I am thankful that the amount calculated in sales tax revenue passed by the public is just enough to cover the bond payments. There is no surplus factored in by state, and in fact the sales tax collected will be reviewed monthly by AR state auditors to ensure the money collected will cover the bond payments on the sewer project. If sales tax collections drop in the future, then the state could ask for an increase in sewer surcharge rates to cover the outstanding sewer bond payments. This is why we need continued growth in our city of new businesses, which will help generate sales tax to pay for aging city services.