**IMPORTANT REMINDER**:

**2018 Utility Billing Rate Increase(s)**

This is a friendly reminder that on November 7, 2016 the City Council adopted a 3-year rate increase for the utilities of water, sewer and storm drain, per FMC (Fircrest Municipal Code) 21.04; 20.12; and 20.16. We are coming up on our 2nd year of this 3-year increase. The new rates will start effective 2/1/2018 you will begin to notice the increase on your April 2018 utility bill.

Rate adjustments for the water, sewer and storm utilities make the utilities sustainable, support the operation and maintenance of the utilities, and provide funding for capital improvements.

Capital Projects that the rate increase is paying for include the following projects:

* Replace the Alameda and Drake Street Sewer Lift stations (these are in need of upgrading as they are now 50+ years old)
* Repayment of existing loans that were obtained to repair and replace the backyard sewer mains and 70 to 80 year old pipelines
* Water main repair and replacement (the 70+ year old piping has reached its useful life)
* Painting and coating systems on the water tanks (water tanks need to be painted and coated to preserve them)
* Improvements to stormwater outfall treatment system to help improve water quality where our stormwater drains.

**What can you expect?** For single family residential (SFR) customers each billing cycle will increase $11.40 ($5.70/month).

**BREAKDOWN** for SFR increase:

Water Base fee will increase $1.50 ($34.00 to 35.50)

 Tier 1 will increase $.0004 (from $0.0100 to 0.0104 / cf)

 Tier 2 will increase $.0007 (from $0.0150 to 0.0157 / cf)

 Tier 3 will increase $.0011 (from $0.0250 to 0.0261 / cf)

Sewer Base fee will increase $3.60 ($60.40 – 64.00)

Treatment will increase $2.00 ($79.20 to 81.20)

Storm Drain free will increase $4.30 ($29.20 to 33.50)