

Guest Column to Monroe Dispatch
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From Mayor Jamie Mayo

Monroe Water Customers to pay State Mandated Increased Safe Drinking Water Fee Effective February 2017

Attention City of Monroe Water System Customers:

In the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Act 605 was enacted authorizing an increase in the Safe Drinking Water fee beginning on January 1, 2017. The current fee will be increased from \$3.20 per year (currently billed in July) to \$12.00 per year.

In order to implement this state mandated increase in a way that is considerate of our constituents, beginning with our February 2017 billing, the City of Monroe will begin collecting the Safe Drinking Water Fee monthly. This will increase your *monthly* water bill by \$1.00 per month. This will affect all Monroe water customers, including home-owners and businesses.

Should have any questions regarding the Safe Drinking Water Fee, please feel free to contact the Safe Drinking Water Program at 225-342-7499 or visit the Department of Health's website using the link <http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2607>.

By working together, we are making a difference. Monroe is one city, with one future!