

### Utility Revenue

The water user rates are based on the quantity of water used plus a charge based on the meter size. Inside-the-city customers pay a lower water usage rate and a lower water meter service charge than outside-the-city customers. Wholesale users are billed for services in accordance with a contract or agreement. The rates and charges set forth in the agreement are intended to cover the City's cost of treating and supplying water as well as a portion of the operation, maintenance and capital cost of the Water Utility.

The sewer user rates are based on the quantity of water used plus a billing charge. Inside-the-city customers pay a lower rate than outside-the-city customers. The City also imposes an additional charge on users whose sewage waste exceeds the "stronger than normal domestic strength" sewage waste limits, based on the applicable levels of discharges. Wholesale users are billed for services in accordance with a contract agreement. The rates and charges set forth in the agreement are intended to cover the City's cost of treating and disposing of the applicable waste as well as a portion of the operation, maintenance, and capital costs of the Treatment Plant.

The storm water user rates are based on ERUs (Equivalent Residential Units) of impervious surface and apply to properties located within the City. An ERU is equal to the average amount of impervious area of a single-family residential property, and is established at 2,500 square feet. Impervious areas are those that have been paved, and/or covered with buildings, so the infiltration of water into the soil is prevented. Properties exempt from property taxation are granted a 15% discount off their gross ERU's.

### **City of Fort Wayne Utilities 2005 Budgeted Revenue \$ 59,191,000**

