Press Release

Starting February 1st, 2025, the Buckeye Water District will implement an infrastructure charge of $10.00 per month on all water bills. This decision aligns with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) rules and regulations to ensure the continued production and delivery of safe drinking water to our customers.

Purpose of the Infrastructure Charge

The primary aim of this infrastructure charge is to generate revenue specifically for the enhancement, maintenance and replacement of the water system infrastructure. The funds collected will strictly be allocated to essential components involved in:

- **Pumping**: Ensuring that water is effectively moved from its source to the treatment facilities.
- **Diverting**: Managing the flow of water to prevent wastage and ensure adequate supply.
- **Transporting**: Maintaining pipelines and distribution networks to reliably deliver water.
- **Treating**: Upgrading facilities that purify water to meet health and safety standards.
- **Recording and Monitoring**: Implementing advanced systems for accurate water usage measurement and quality monitoring.

Compliance with Regulatory Requirements

This infrastructure charge is not just a local initiative; it is a measure to adhere to the mandates of the OEPA Asset Management Rules and Regulations. Specifically, it complies with Chapter 3745-87-03(C) of the Ohio Revised Code and ORC 743.03. These regulations are designed to ensure that water utilities maintain adequate infrastructure management and financial planning to sustain safe and reliable water services.

Implementing this charge allows the Buckeye Water District to:

- **Enhance Service Reliability**: By investing in and replacing, when necessary, infrastructure, the District can prevent service disruptions and ensure a steady water supply.
- **Improve Water Quality**: Upgraded treatment facilities and monitoring systems will contribute to higher quality drinking water.
- **Support Long-Term Sustainability**: Financial planning and asset management will ensure the District is prepared for future challenges and demands

The introduction of the $10.00 infrastructure charge is a necessary step to meet regulatory requirements and to ensure that Buckeye Water District will continue to provide safe, reliable, and high-quality drinking water. The District is committed to transparency and efficiency in utilizing these funds to benefit the entire community.