



Crystal City City Council, Festus City Council, Festus Crystal City Sewage Commission, and Jefferson County Public Sewer District agree to sewer system transfer.

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Cities of Festus and Crystal City Secure a Stable Future for Sewer Systems with Transfer to Jefferson County Public Sewer District, effective February 15, 2024.

Festus and Crystal City, Mo. (February 15, 2024) – Residents of Festus and Crystal City can breathe a sigh of relief as both cities have successfully transferred the control and upkeep of their sewer systems to the Jefferson County Public Sewer District (JCPSD). This move ensures long-term stability for sewer rates and expert management of essential infrastructure.

“We are excited about our new affiliation with Jefferson County Public Sewer District. As Crystal City continues to expand and acquire new industries, JCPSD will be able to meet those demands with our wastewater. They have a proven record of keeping rates reasonable, providing excellent service to their customers, while setting an industry standard of exceeding all state regulations. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this collaboration will have on our environment and the quality of life for our residents,” Crystal City Mayor, Mike Osher.

Festus Mayor Sam Richards stated “I am excited about the relationship that has been forged with this agreement between the City of Festus and the Jefferson County Public Sewer District. The future of the city is enhanced because of this new partnership. The city will be able to make better and easier decisions to provide services to newly annexed areas as we continue to expand the city limits. A great partnership has been created and the future of the City of Festus has been enhanced as a result.”

The transfer guarantees that current sewer rates, recently recommended by an independent consultant, will remain in place. Additionally, residents are relieved of the financial and operational burdens associated with ever-changing environmental regulations. The Jefferson County Sewer District, with its specialized knowledge and resources, is well-equipped to navigate these complexities and ensure compliance.

This regional cooperation marks a milestone in intergovernmental cooperation. "Local governments can achieve great things when we work together," said Peter Birkes,



Jeffco PSD Chairman. "It's about putting residents first. We're ensuring affordability and accountability, a powerful combination for our communities".

The transition will occur seamlessly, with no disruption to service. Residents can expect to receive further information about the transfer in the coming weeks.

About the Jefferson County Sewer District:

The Jefferson County Sewer District is a public entity dedicated to providing reliable and efficient sewer services to residents of Jefferson County. With its focus on environmental responsibility and operational excellence, the District is committed to meeting the needs of its communities for generations to come.

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