

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Who will represent us in the outlying areas who could be paying a premium 1.5 times the rate that the citizens with representation pay.

Answer: Residents are welcome to attend Board of Aldermen meetings and express their views; contact their County Commissioner or contact their State Representative or Senator. They do not have a vote for an Alderman since they are not (and expressed a desire not to become) residents of the City of Ozark.

Question: Is it lawful for the City of Ozark to acquire land and property that is not within its own city limits? If so, please provide the statute that allows this.

Answer: Yes, Section 79.380 R.S. Mo. (2016)

Question: It was stated in the public meeting it costs the City of Ozark more money to provide water to people outside the city limits, thus is why the proposed rates are 1.5 times the rate of the citizens of Ozark.

Answer: Areas that are not compact and contiguous, or are outside of our municipal boundaries, require additional infrastructure, operation costs and maintenance. Therefore the Public Service Commission (PSC) has ruled in favor of allowing municipalities to charge an additional fee or increased rate to cover those associated costs. This issue was addressed by the PSC staff recommendation File No. WM-2017-0342. We have highlighted the paragraphs that specifically pertain to rates and this document can now be accessed on the website.

Question: How much is/was the annual lease rate between the PFC and the City of Ozark? Was there a down payment the City provided to the Public Finding Corporation? If so how much?

Answer: In 1996 the PFC purchased the Finley Valley Water System for \$275,000.00. The seller financed the transaction, in the name of Leland Mitten Revocable Living Trust at an interest rate of 8.75%. The City lease payments were in the amount of the loan payment due \$2,748.48 per month or \$ 32,981.76 annually.

Question: How much did the PFC borrow of tax payer money to purchase the water system from the developer, who was the lender and terms of the note?

Answer: In 2003, the loan was refinanced. The amount was \$185,000.00 and the interest rate was 3.650%. Ozark Bank was the lender and the payment was \$2,353.57 per month or \$28,242.84 annually. This debt was retired in January of 2011.

Additional fact sheets and historical data can be found on the Finley Valley Water System webpage.