ORDINANCE NO. 2025- ___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BRYANT CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING A WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN AND SUPPORTING ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant recognizes the importance of ensuring a reliable, sustainable, and efficient wastewater services for its residents, businesses, and environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the completion of a comprehensive Wastewater Master Plan to address current and future wastewater needs, improve infrastructure, and ensure sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Master Plan has been developed through a detailed process to reflect the current and future needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Wastewater Master Plan, which includes a Capital Improvement Plan, is essential for guiding future investments, policy decisions, and actions to ensure the long-term sustainability and resilience of the city's wastewater practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE WATER MASTER PLAN

The City Council hereby adopts the Wastewater Master Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as the official guiding document for the management and development of the city’s wastewater resources and infrastructure.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Emergency Declared.

This Ordinance is necessary to preserve the public peace, health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____day of August, 2025.

APPROVED: ATTEST:

_____ _____

Chris Treat, Mayor Mark Smith, City Clerk

Understanding Your Wastewater Master Plan

A Wastewater Master Plan serves as the critical blueprint for managing your community's wastewater systems over the long term. It ensures safe and reliable treatment while protecting our precious environment. This comprehensive strategy sets a clear roadmap for addressing both current needs and anticipated future demands on our wastewater infrastructure.

Key Components of a Wastewater Master Plan

Infrastructure Assessment

Comprehensive evaluation of existing pipelines, treatment plants, and lift stations to determine their current condition and capacity limitations.

Data Collection

Analysis of population growth projections, current and future flow patterns, and detailed assessments of system condition through advanced inspection technologies.

Identification of Needs

Pinpointing specific areas requiring upgrades, repairs, or expansions based on condition assessments and capacity evaluations.

Long-term Strategies

Development of sustainable approaches to maintain service reliability while ensuring compliance with increasingly stringent environmental regulations.

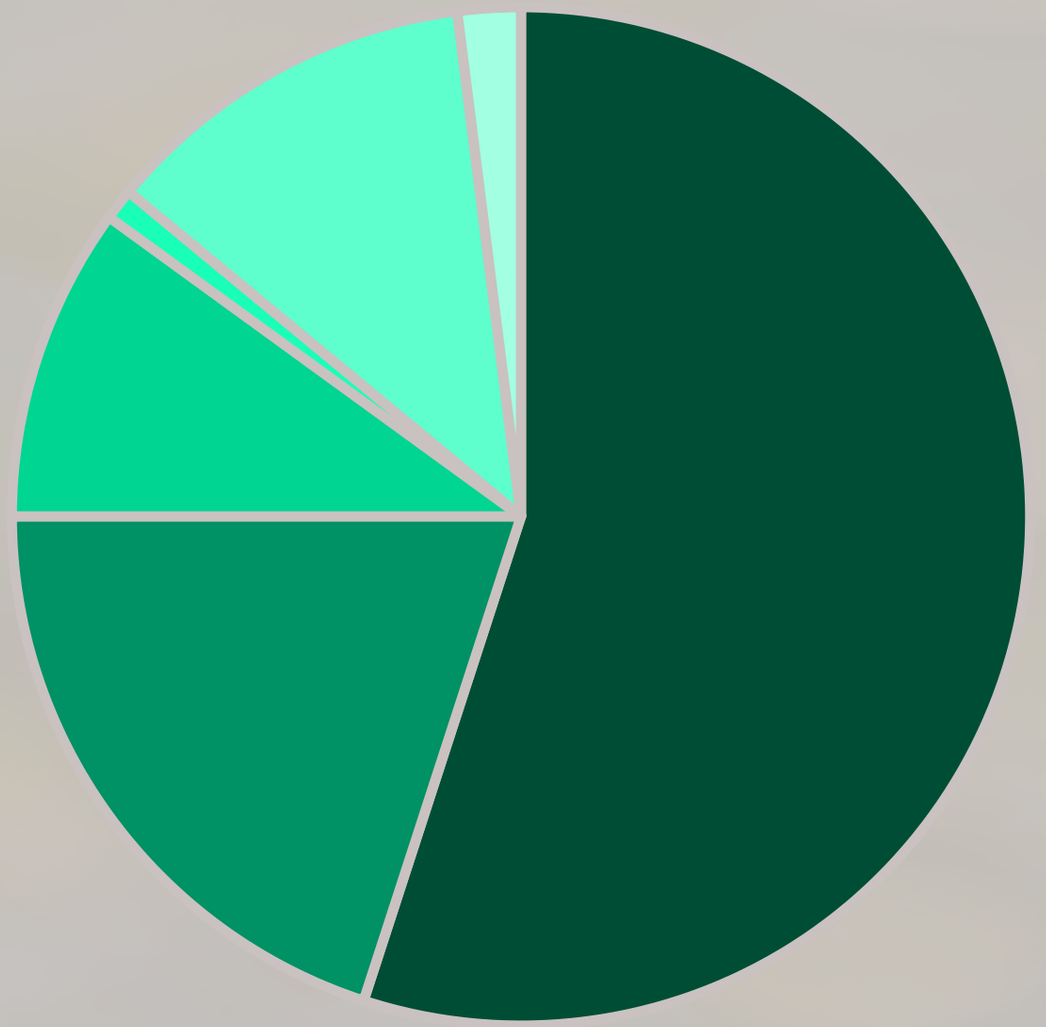
What Is a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?

A Capital Improvement Plan translates the Wastewater Master Plan into actionable, funded projects. This multi-year roadmap typically spans 5-20 years and details the specific investments needed to maintain and enhance your wastewater system.

The CIP is a living document that prioritizes critical infrastructure projects while helping secure essential funding from state and federal sources, including State Revolving Funds (SRF) and various grant programs.

- Detailed budgets for major system investments
- Project prioritization to prevent emergency repairs
- Strategic timing to optimize funding opportunities

Funding the Plan: Where the Money Comes From



While customer rates provide the primary funding base, utilities typically leverage multiple financing mechanisms to fund their capital improvement plans. Projects required for regulatory compliance may qualify for special state or federal assistance programs, helping to minimize the impact on local ratepayers.

Why This Matters to You

Impact Fee Study Relation

We are currently undergoing an impact fee study to ensure fees are up to date and reflect the CIP

Rate Study Relation

We are currently undergoing a water and wastewater rate study to align rates with Act 605 requirements

Service Reliability

Well-planned infrastructure ensures decades of dependable wastewater service for your home or business.

Financial Stability

Proactive planning prevents costly emergencies and distributes necessary rate increases gradually rather than imposing sudden spikes.

Community Engagement

Transparent master planning and capital improvement processes keep you informed and provide opportunities for meaningful input on decisions that affect your service and rates.

Water & Sewer Initiative Rollout Schedule

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August 5, 2024

6PM: Present Master Plan to Water Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC)

@ 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR,

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August 19, 2024

5pm: Special WSAC meeting seeking recommendation for approval of Master Plan and CIP Plan

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September 2, 2024

6PM: Present Rate Study and Impact Fee Study to WSAC

@ 210 Sw 3rd Street, Bryant, AR

6:30 PM: Adoption of Plan by Council

@ 210 Sw 3rd Street, Bryant, AR

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September 8, 2024

6PM: Present Impact Fee Study to Planning Commission

@ 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR

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September 16, 2024

9AM: Present Rate Study and Impact Fee Study to Chamber of Commerce

@ Reality One, Bryant, AR

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September 15, 2024

6PM: Present Rate Study and Impact Fee Study to Community Engagement

@ 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR

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September 30, 2024

5pm: Special WSAC meeting seeking recommendation for approval of Rate Ordinance

6:30pm: Adoption of Ordinance by Council

@ 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR

Community Engagement Strategy

Resident Communications

- Updates on each part of the process
- Updates on social media
- Videos detailing plans and ideas
- Continuous educational one pager
- Publish FAQ document addressing common concerns

This comprehensive rollout schedule ensures all stakeholders, from advisory committees to council members, residents, and businesses, have appropriate opportunities for input and information throughout the process. The staggered approach allows for refinement based on feedback while maintaining momentum toward final adoption of both the Master Plan and rate structures.