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## **ACQUISITION OF OAK HARBOR SUBDIVISION**

October 31, 2024

Dear Customer,

This letter is to inform you that Pearlington Water and Sewer District (the District) is now the provider of your water and sewer services. Please complete the attached user agreement information and turn it in with your first payment. Below you will find information to help ease the transition process and answers questions you may have.

### **Monthly Rate**

\$57.40 (water and sewer)

## **Billing Process and Due Dates**

Water and sewer bills will be sent on (or around) the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month and will be due by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Late fees are \$10 and will be accessed if payment is not received by the 15<sup>th</sup> (or the Monday following if on a weekend). To give everyone time to adjust to the new policies, the District will not access late fees for the first billing cycle.

# **Problems With Your Service**

The District has a 24-hour call service. Please contact the office at (228) 533-0037 if you experience problems with your service.

#### **Board Meetings**

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 3:00 PM.

#### What to Expect

The District intends to keep the flat rate you are currently paying until an accurate cost to run the Oak Harbor system can be determined. You will be notified if or when the District intends to change your current rate.

Oak Harbor was acquired by the Hancock County Utility Authority, of which Pearlington Water & Sewer District is a member entity. Both entities are committed to work together to provide better quality water and sewer services. Pearlington Water & Sewer District was recently awarded funds by the State of Mississippi that will be used to connect Oak Harbor to Pearlington's main water distribution system. Doing so will help alleviate many of the water pressure issues Oak Harbor currently has.

In addition, the Hancock County Utility Authority has been awarded \$2.8M in grant funds to replace the sewer collection system in Oak Harbor. Over the next couple of years, the District will be installing new sewer lines and rerouting the existing sewer package plant to the Utility Authority's treatment plant on Highway 90.

The District is committed to keeping the residents informed about progress in Oak Harbor. We have created a page on our website specifically dedicated to the Oak Harbor Project. Please visit www.pwsd.ms.gov for more information.

Sincerely,
Pearlington Water & Sewer District