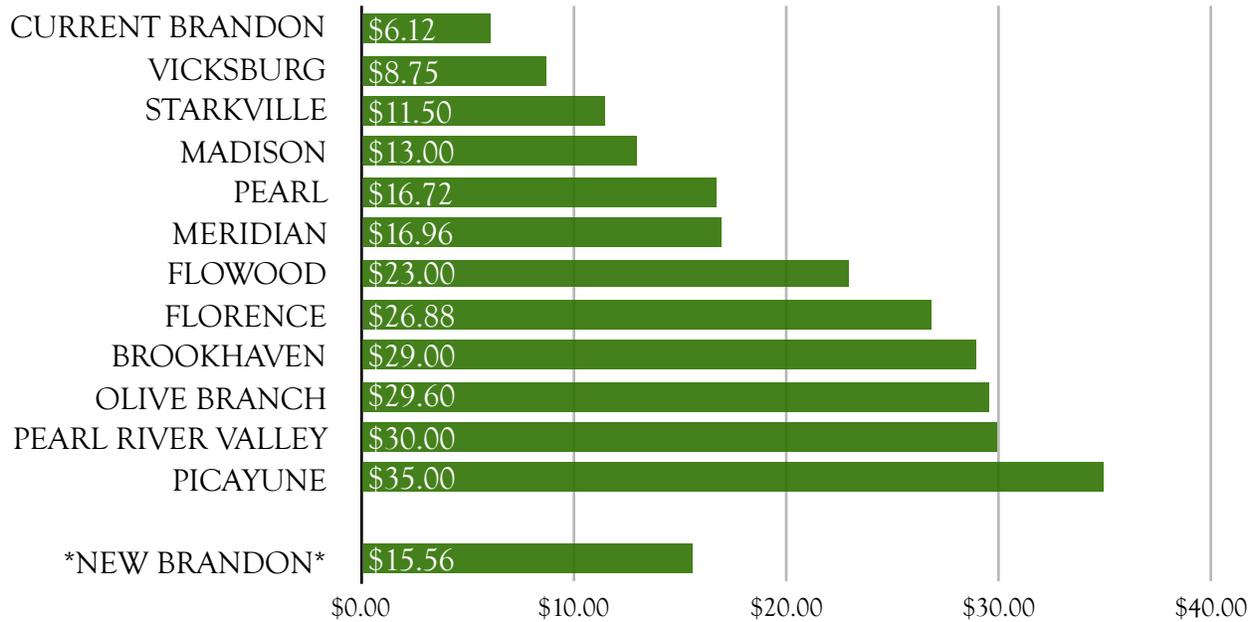


WATER/SEWER BASE CHARGES



The city of Brandon is growing. Our population has grown from 21,705 according to the 2010 Census to an estimated 23,826 in July of 2016. The growth of Brandon is not just with our population; our schools and businesses are expanding as well.

Enterprise Fund Budget	
FY 2014-2015	\$9,701,775
FY 2015-2016	\$7,782,214
FY 2016-2017	\$12,834,620
FY 2017-2018	\$15,397,921

The Enterprise Fund, which operates the city's water and sewer system, has budgeted two large projects for this fiscal year to help increase water capacity: a \$1,000,000 new water well that will be constructed in Crossgates and a new million gallon water tank that will cost around \$3,200,000 in Downtown Brandon.

Another large project that will begin next fiscal year will address our water meter system. Our current meter system began the installation process over 10 years ago. These original meters are getting older and sometimes do not read as accurately as people expect. Our recent online Utility Survey showed that 42% of respondents do not believe their meter reading is accurate. The water meter system change, once started, will occur over a one year period. This new system will be a multi-million dollar project that will put real time usage data in residents hands.

These listed projects are vital to the current water needs of Brandon. The city of Brandon has previously only raised base rate charges by 2% annually which is drastically lower than other city's rates. The large capital projects will be financed but a larger revenue stream is necessary to meet our obligations to our current and future citizens. The base rate increase allows for necessary construction and enhancements to our current system.