

# **December 1, 2025 PFAS and Drinking Water Update**

## **City Administrator Dan Wietecha Summary Presentation**

The Senate Capital Investment Committee included Hastings on its State Bonding Tour on Oct. 28. A similar visit by the House Capital Investment Committee occurred Nov. 6. Both were engaged and well received.

Minnesota Management and Budget has a survey open for residents to give feedback to the state regarding future bonding bills.

Draft PPL rankings were released in November. The Eastern Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is ranked #1, and western WTP is tied at #17. Both are reportedly in the fundable range.

Environmental investigations continue as planned by the MPCA to determine potential connection and eligibility for the City's other wells. The current round of studies is expected to be completed this year. The City and MPCA have discussed a meeting to review the studies.

The 2026 budget proposal includes a phased approach of 10% each for water rate increases in January and July 2026 and January 2027. The phased approach would allow additional time to seek state bonding, grants and/or direct connection to 3M Cottage Grove; enable phasing in the necessary rate increase; and recognizes the complexity of loan and grant paperwork with the Public Facilities Authority.

On Oct. 29, the City received notice that Pizza on 50th & France dba Carbone's Pizza in Hastings is suing the City over the purchase of the property and alleged loss of lease and income. The City disputes the substance of the claims. Our insurer League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust is defending the City and has assigned Hoff Barry, PA to handle the suit. In the meantime, the City continues working with Carbone's Pizza to find a new home in Hastings and relocation benefits.