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**Byrnes Mill Board of Alderman and Jefferson County Public Sewer
District agree to sewer system transfer**

Transfer will ensure environmental compliance

BYRNES MILL, MO – The Byrnes Mill Board of Aldermen and the Jefferson County Public Sewer District Trustees have completed a month’s long process of transferring the ownership, operation and maintenance of the Byrnes Mill sewer system to the Jefferson County Public Sewer District. In addition to the efforts of the City and Sewer District, the process required action by the Jefferson County Council.

The District has agreed to adhere to the City’s current rate schedule, which was recently recommended by the City’s consultant. City officials applauded the transfer as means to ensure both the stability of the current sewer rate plan and compliance with all EPA and DNR rules and regulations. As a result of the transfer, the City and its residents will no longer be responsible for compliance or liable for the ever-changing regulatory environmental landscape.

“I am thrilled that the City of Byrnes Mill and Jefferson County Public Sewer District were able to accomplish so much together,” said Mayor Susan Gibson. “Operating a sewer system is a complex and expensive process, fraught with liability. Having the District, with its sole focus and expertise in sewer operation, take over the operation allows the City to concentrate on providing the services which it performs best, such as public safety, public works and recreation. This shows what local government can do when it works together.”

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