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**PRESS RELEASE**

Who: City Manager's Office, City of Loveland  
What: City of Loveland Holds Line on 2009 Utility Rates  
When: October 3, 2008  
Where: City of Loveland, Ohio

LOVELAND, OHIO—Loveland Mayor Rob Weisgerber is pleased to announce on behalf of City Council that the City of Loveland will not raise utility rates in 2009. Loveland City Council sets rates for water, sanitation and stormwater, while Hamilton County sets sewer rates for the Metropolitan Sewer District which has provided sanitary sewer services to Loveland under a contract since 1985.

“We know that economic times are very difficult for our residents,” Mayor Weisgerber said. “We are tightening the City’s belt so that we can avoid a rate increase next year. The City knows MSD is going to raise its rates significantly in 2009, so the City of Loveland is holding the line for our residents.”

Loveland City Manager Tom Carroll noted that the City’s careful management of its water, sanitation and stormwater utilities has allowed the City to keep its own utility rate increases lower than inflation over the last five years. Carroll said, “Ratepayers may not be aware of how tightly we control our rates because MSD’s rates have risen three and half times faster than the rate of inflation over the last five years.”

Loveland’s water rates are among the lowest in Southwest Ohio, according to an annual study by the City of Englewood. According to the same study sewer rates in Hamilton County (and all of Loveland under the City’s service agreement) are among the highest in the region. Loveland’s refuse rates are average, and the refuse fee pays for services such trash collection, recycling, leaf pickup and brush pickup. Loveland has not raised its stormwater fee since 2004.

Loveland Mayor Rob Weisgerber concluded, “We are always careful with our budgeting, but this year will require the City to hold the line so that our residents don’t have to pay more. Today’s economic climate requires even more caution, and our residents deserve a break next year.”

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