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Julie,

Hi. Please see attached analysis with a summary of the available options. The City assessed Port LaBelle the Outside City Limit rate of \$5.80 per gal in Sep 2024. Since Port LaBelle does not have a separate meter, we did not charge a metered rate. Fixed water meter rates are higher for larger meters due to the higher potential water demand which require a more robust water system (to accommodate the increased flow capacity) and add to higher infrastructure costs.

Rates increased 50% since the last bill. Options are listed below and on the attached. Routinely selling water at a discounted rate (by excluding a meter fee) is not a recommended best practice, especially with the current state of City facilities. If Port LaBelle were to continue purchasing water from the City and threatening the City's ability to remain within allowed limits, an agreement for fixed rate is recommended. If it is a one-off (annual) purchase and the City wants to retain good will, charging the variable rate (outside of City limits) should be adequate to cover direct costs. For now, my recommendation would be option 2.

I hope this is helpful. Please call if you have any questions.

**Fee options**

<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Variable rate only - Inside Limits (6.96/1000 gals)</b>	<i>20% increase over prior charge</i>
<b>Option 2*</b>	<b>Variable rate only - Outside City Rate (\$8.70/1000 gals))</b>	<i>50% increase over prior charge</i>
<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Variable rate + agreed upon fixed rate (Outside City limits)</b>	

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