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I am writing regarding the newly proposed increase to Lebanon's water bill (storm water, Drainage, and wastewater)

I am ABSOLUTELY AGAINST this increase. You already levied an \$18 a month tax in Jan. 2025 enough is enough.

I am a 70yr Olds senior on a fixed income. I live alone. I DON'T DRINK, COOK OR USE WATER FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY. I was clothes 1 load every 3 weeks and yet my bill was \$97.34 for January 2025. OUTRAGEOUS!!!! In addition I spent \$40 on bottled water to drink and cook with.

I feel like the City of Lebanon is lucky that there has not been a Lawsuit over not notifying the public of a massive sewer spill last year 2023. Reported recently to the public in the Democrat Herald. This caused Lebanon a massive fine. I believe it was \$38,000. I guess now you expect the rate payers here in Lebanon to pay for the fine. Not informing the Public of the spill was OUTRAGEOUS. Having to hear about it over a year after the fact from the Democrat Herald and not from the City Government is beyond tolerable. I think I speak for most folks in Lebanon that we NO LONGER TRUST OUR CITY OFFICIALS. This was just one of the issues with Lebanon water over the past few years. Lead, Cryptosporidium and countless other problems have plagued our water supply here. NOT ACCEPTABLE!!!

The \$18 tax you imposed was because these same officials were unable to handle a huge budget crisis. Which instead of figuring out how to stay within your budget like the rest of us, you passed onto the Public in a Utility tax. Maybe the city officials need to be recalled and held accountable.

I am furious!!! Diane Van Dyke