

City Clerk

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Subject: DPW rate information

In addition to the submitted DPW budget, adjustments were made to water and sewer rates and fees.

Water rates increase 4.1% for both residential and commercial customers.
Sewer rates increase 5% for residential customers, and 14% for commercial accounts.

The biggest change in charges comes from the Readiness-to-Serve fee. This will now be charged year-round for all customers instead of only when the meter is installed. This change brings us in line with most other communities and was recommended by financial advisor Warren Creamer. This fee is considered to cover the fixed operating costs. Costs that we have year-round to operate the system.

The DPW is doing everything possible to reduce the impact of the rate increases needed to cover current, and upcoming, debt payments and project costs. As we move forward we will continue to reevaluate rates. Not all news is bad. The Biddle Point project just closed and only used \$3.798 million of the \$4.155 million budget. This, of course, means that debt payment will be smaller than previously calculated.

Once Council approves our rates and budget, I will send a letter to DPW customers explaining the changes.

Thank you,
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