



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT
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WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2026 RATE PROPOSAL

PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a Public Hearing, regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Water and Sewer rates, on **Wednesday, May 28th, 2025, at 6:00PM**, on the proposed changes:

1. An 18% increase in revenues from water volumetric charges;
2. A 12% increase in revenues from sewer volumetric charges;
3. Changes to existing base charges for both water and sewer;
4. Changes to the tiered rate structure for Residential accounts; and,
5. Changes to existing bill schedules and billing frequency:
 - a. Change from existing bi-monthly bills (every other month) to quarterly billing cycle (every three months) for Commercial accounts; and,
 - b. Change from existing tri-annual bills (every four months) to quarterly billing cycle (every three months) for Residential accounts.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting may be held by remote participation. You have three ways to be heard at this meeting:

1. In person at the Tufts Administration ("TAB") Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room at **167 Holland Street, Somerville, MA 02144**.
2. Virtually through the Zoom platform.
Enter this link into your internet browser any time before the meeting:
Webinar ID: 843 7166 2008
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84371662008?pwd=b5ouHgN6TM9AEI0M0FCZCLIJmgczos.1>
Passcode:773369
3. If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may email your comments to water@somervillema.gov with RATE HEARING as the subject title or send them by US mail to the Water and Sewer Department, 17 Franey Road, Somerville, MA, 02145. Your comments must arrive **no later than 12 Noon on the day of the Hearing** to be sure they are conveyed to the Department of Water and Sewer.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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or call 311 (617-666-3311) at least 7 days in advance of this event.*