



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
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Honorable President and Members of the City Council:

The tables below outline the proposed water and sewer volumetric rates for the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). The FY22 rate proposal represents the following changes to the current rates:

1. A 7.0% increase in water volumetric charges;
2. A 10.5% increase in sewer volumetric charges; and
3. No change to existing base charges for both water and sewer.

The following tables list the new rates. The residential ‘discount tier’ for the first 8 units of usage [8 units x 748 gallons per unit = 5,984 gallons] remains in place.

**Table 1: Proposed FY22 Residential Volumetric Charges (tri-annual bills)**

Tier	Tier Range (per CCF)	FY2022 Residential Volumetric Charges (\$/billing unit*)		
		Water	Sewer	Combined
Discount rate	0-8	4.49	8.82	13.31
T1	9-13	5.01	9.80	14.81
T2	14-67	7.21	12.51	19.72
T3	68-133	7.55	13.12	20.67
T4	OVER 133	7.85	13.58	21.43

\*One unit = 100 cubic feet (CCF) or 748 gallons of water



**Table 2: Proposed FY22 Commercial Volumetric Charges (bi-monthly bills)**

Tier	Tier Range (per CCF)	FY2022 Commercial Volumetric Charges (\$/billing unit*)		
		Water	Sewer	Combined
T1	0-10	5.01	9.80	14.81
T2	11-100	7.21	12.51	19.72
T3	101-200	7.55	13.12	20.67
T4	OVER 200	7.85	13.58	21.43

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Pursuant to Chapter 11, Section 11-125 and Section 11-164 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville, proposed rate adjustments to water and sewer volumetric charges were submitted to the City Council for its meeting on April 8, 2021. An information session and public hearing was held on May 3, 2021 at 6PM on the City's virtual platform. Following the public hearing, written testimony was accepted via postal mail and via e-mail until 6PM on Friday, May 8.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [cwhiting@somervillema.gov](mailto:cwhiting@somervillema.gov).

