



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 2025 (FY25). The FY25 rate proposal represents the following changes to the current rates:

1. No change to existing base charges for both water and sewer;
2. A 9.5% increase in water volumetric charges;
3. A 0% increase in sewer volumetric charges.

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 FY25 Residential Volumetric Charges (tri-annual bills)

Proposed FY25 Residential Volumetric Charges (\$/Billing Unit)				
Tier	Tier Range (per CCF)	Water	Sewer	Combined
Discount Rate	0-8	\$6.06	\$11.26	\$17.32
Tier 1	9-13	\$6.76	\$12.52	\$19.28
Tier 2	14-67	\$9.72	\$15.97	\$25.69
Tier 3	68-133	\$10.18	\$16.75	\$26.93
Tier 4	Over 133	\$10.59	\$17.34	\$27.93

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



Table 2: Proposed FY25 Commercial Volumetric Charges (bi-monthly bills)

Proposed FY25 Commercial Volumetric Charges (\$/Billing Unit)				
Tier	Tier Range (per CCF)	Water	Sewer	Combined
Tier 1	0-13	\$6.76	\$12.52	\$19.28
Tier 2	14-67	\$9.72	\$15.97	\$25.69
Tier 3	68-133	\$10.18	\$16.75	\$26.93
Tier 4	Over 133	\$10.59	\$17.34	\$27.93

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An information session and public hearing was held on May 29th, 2024, on the City's virtual platform and in the Water and Sewer Conference Room- 15 Franey Rd.- where the rates of 9.5% for water and 5% for sewer were presented. Following the public hearing, written testimony was be accepted via e-mail at water@somervillema.gov for five days. Testimony could also be submitted in advance at the same e-mail address. Since that hearing, the proposal has been revised to an increase of 9.5% for Water and 0% for Sewer, which is now reflected in the above tables.

If you have any further questions, please contact Water and Sewer Director Demetrios Vidalis at dvidalis@somervillema.gov.