



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT
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MAYOR

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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 2023 (FY23). The FY23 rate proposal represents the following changes to the current rates:

1. A 11% increase in water volumetric charges.
2. A 12.5% 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 FY23 Residential Volumetric Charges (tri-annual bills)

FY 2023 Residential Volumetric Charges (\$/Billing Unit)				
Tier	Tier Range (per CCF)	Water	Sewer	Combined
Discount Rate	0-8	\$4.98	\$9.92	\$14.90
Tier 1	9-13	\$5.56	\$11.03	\$16.59
Tier 2	14-67	\$8.00	\$14.07	\$22.07
Tier 3	68-133	\$8.38	\$14.76	\$23.14
Tier 4	Over 133	\$8.71	\$15.28	\$23.99

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



Table 2: Proposed FY23 Commercial Volumetric Charges (bi-monthly bills)

FY 2023 Commercial Volumetric Charges (\$/Billing Unit)				
Tier	Tier Range (per CCF)	Water	Sewer	Combined
Tier 1	0-13	\$5.56	\$11.03	\$16.59
Tier 2	14-67	\$8.00	\$14.07	\$22.07
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An information session and public hearing will be scheduled for June 7th on the City's virtual platform. The information session will start at 6:00PM and provide an opportunity to address questions on the FY23 water and sewer rate proposal. The public hearing to take testimony regarding the FY23 water and sewer rate proposal will start at 6:30PM immediately following this information session. Additional Q&A time will be offered following the public hearing if attendees have remaining topics of discussion.

Following the public hearing, written testimony will be accepted via e-mail at water@somervillema.gov for five days. Testimony can also be submitted in advance at the same e-mail address.

If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Finance at sthaynes@somervillema.gov.

