



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Pursuant to Chapter 11, Section 11-25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville, the table below outlines the proposed water and sewer volumetric rates for fiscal year 2019. A public hearing and information session has been set for May 14th at 6PM in the Somerville High School cafeteria.

The FY19 rates represent no increase in water volumetric charges, a 5% increase in sewer volumetric charges, no change to existing base charges in both water and sewer, and the creation of a fire suppression charge for users with fire suppression systems. These adjustments are all consistent with the rate study completed during FY16.

Tier	Usage (units of 100 ft ³)	FY2019 Volumetric Charges (\$/unit)		
		Water	Sewer	Combined
1	0-13	\$4.14	\$8.20	\$12.34
2	14-67	\$5.97	\$10.46	\$16.43
3	68-133	\$6.26	\$10.97	\$17.23
4	133+	\$6.50	\$11.36	\$17.86

(100 cubic feet is equal to 748 gallons)

The recommended fire suppressions charges are outlined in the table below and further information on the fire suppression charge can be found on page 8 of the original rate recommendation memo (attached).

Recommended Annual Fire Suppression Charges		
Fire Suppression Line Size (in)	AWWA 1" Capacity Equivalent Factors	Recommended Annual Charge
0.75	1	\$124
1	1	\$124
1.25	1.4	\$174
1.5	2	\$248
2	3.2	\$397

2.5	4.5	\$558
3	6	\$744
4	10	\$1,240
6	20	\$2,480
8	32	\$3,968
10	50	\$6,200

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at jdeluca@somervillema.gov