



NOTICE OF UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT

The Town of Northborough Public Works Department provides water and sewer service to approximately 4,300 accounts. The Town’s water and sewer utilities are self-supporting enterprise funds authorized under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F½. Water and sewer rates must be adequate to finance each fund’s operating and maintenance costs, debt service obligations and capital improvements. In order to continue to adequately provide water and sewer services to the residents, the Town of Northborough Public Works Department must adjust its rates to cover the cost of these services.

At a public hearing held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 the Water and Sewer Commission took public comment relative to the proposed rate change and voted unanimously to have no increase in the water service base charge, to increase in the water rates by 5% and to increase the sewer rates by 5%. These rates are effective with this 2nd Quarter billing cycle (bills dated November 1, 2018 & due December 1, 2018). A summary of the charges and rates are as follows:

Water Service Base Charges			
Service Type	Current Base Charge (per quarter)	New Base Charge (per quarter)	Change
Residential	\$10.00	\$10.00	0%
Commercial	\$30.00	\$30.00	0%
Industrial	\$45.00	\$45.00	0%

Water			
Usage/quarter	Current Rate (per 1,000 cf)	New Rate (per 1,000 cf)	Change
0 - 2,000 cf	\$44.90	\$47.15	5%
2,001 - 6,000 cf	\$53.82	\$56.51	5%
over 6,000 cf	\$66.32	\$69.64	5%

Sewer			
Usage/quarter	Current Rate (per 1,000 cf)	New Rate (per 1,000 cf)	Change
0 - 2,000 cf	\$108.00	\$113.40	5%
2,001 - 6,000 cf	\$112.16	\$117.77	5%
over 6,000 cf	\$117.17	\$123.03	5%

Sewer Only Accounts			
Service Type	Current Rate (per quarter)	New Rate (per quarter)	Change
Flat Sewer Account	\$324.00	\$340.20	5%