



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 16, 2016

City Council President Linda Morad
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER amending the schedule of rates and charges for wastewater service effective July 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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Department of Public Infrastructure

Ronald H. Labelle
Commissioner

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Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

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June 7, 2016

Mayor Jonathan Mitchell
City of New Bedford
133 Williams Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Subject: Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I respectfully request your consideration of a sewer rate increase that will advance the City's mandated commitment to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") Clean Water Act Administrative Order Docket No. 12-010.

This rate increase will enable us to move forward with our proposed Long Term CSO Control and Integrated Capital Improvement Plan developed in compliance with the EPA's 1994 CSO Policy and 2012 Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning Approach Framework; ensure the Department's commitment to appropriate Operations and Maintenance of existing systems; and maintain the health and safety of our residents. In addition, the rate increase will enable the Department to comply with EPA's recently promulgated MS4 Storm Water Regulations which will become effective July 1, 2017, mandating additional requirements for operating and maintaining the City's stormwater system, and monitoring/sampling of stormwater in our community, which will continue to impact our annual budgets and require capital investment for mitigation.

The Department of Public Infrastructure's Wastewater Division is responsible for a myriad of critical systems that operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. These systems- although well maintained- are in some cases beyond their design engineered life cycle and must be replaced.

Investments in infrastructure are a clear path to provide incentive for economic development. Our ability as a city to provide the necessary systems for growth is essential to this incentive. Our proposed projects will improve water quality, mitigate street flooding, and improve neighborhoods one project at a time, while providing infrastructure to support growth.

I have attached for your convenience a draft order that outlines the Department's recommendation for the proposed rate increase.

I look forward to your support of this rate increase, and that of the entire Council, and remain committed to providing any information you or the Council may need to make an informed decision.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Labelle
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Commissioner



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

June 23, 2016

ORDERED, that the schedule of rates and charges for wastewater service adopted by the City Council pursuant to Section 16-94 the New Bedford Code of Ordinances on September 28, 2006 and amended on June 26, 2008 , is hereby rescinded, effective fourteen (14) days from the adoption of the FY17 Wastewater budget by City Council; and

Ordered, that the charges for suspended solids and BOD's adopted by the City Council on June 28, 2008 pursuant to Section 16-91 of the New Bedford Code of Ordinances, shall remain in effect; and

Further ordered that the following schedule of rates and charges for wastewater service is hereby established pursuant to Section 16-94 the New Bedford Code of Ordinances:

WASTEWATER COMMODITY RATE:

The wastewater commodity rate shall be indexed in perpetuity in accordance with the January Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U), to take effect fourteen (14) days from the adoption of the FY17 Wastewater budget by City Council and on July 1 of each year thereafter.

The FY17 commodity rate effective fourteen (14) days from the adoption of the Wastewater budget - \$4.48

The FY18 commodity rate effective July 1, 2017 - \$4.84

The FY19 commodity rate effective July 1, 2018 - \$5.23

WASTEWATER ANNUAL BASE CHARGE:

The annual base charge for FY 17, effective fourteen (14) days from the date of adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council, shall be as follows:

5/8" service size - \$75.69

3/4" service size - \$75.69

1" service size - \$75.69

1.5" service size - \$75.69
2" service size - \$75.69
3" service size - \$249.48
4" service size - \$360.81
6" service size - \$671.85
8" service size - \$1,044.45
10" service size - \$1,478.61
12" service size - \$1,478.61

The annual base charge for FY 18, effective July 1, 2017, shall be as follows:

5/8" service size - \$81.74
3/4" service size - \$81.74
1" service size - \$81.74
1.5" service size - \$81.74
2" service size - \$81.74
3" service size - \$269.44
4" service size - \$389.67
6" service size - \$725.59
8" service size - \$1,128.00
10" service size - \$1,596.89
12" service size - \$1,596.89

The annual base charge for FY 19, effective July 1, 2018, shall be as follows:

5/8" service size - \$88.28

3/4" service size - \$88.28

1" service size - \$88.28

1.5" service size - \$88.28

2" service size - \$88.28

3" service size - \$290.99

4" service size - \$420.84

6" service size - \$783.64

8" service size - \$1,218.24

10" service size - \$1,724.65

12" service size - \$1,724.65