



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

March 5, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
133 William St.  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members:

I write to request that the City Council provide an opportunity for relevant City staff and consultants to brief the City Council regarding proposed upcoming wastewater and stormwater capital improvement projects identified through the City's recently completed integrated plan, as well to discuss anticipated financial implications and proposed sewer rate increases associated with the Plan. Attached is correspondence from DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte detailing the proposed sewer rate increases.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
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CITY CLERK

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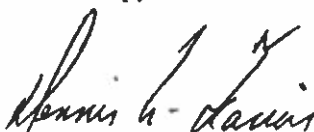
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NEW BEDFORD, MA

IN CITY COUNCIL, March 12, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

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### CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

March 5, 2020

Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
Boston, MA 02116

Subject: Capital Project Implementation and Financial Assessment

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I am writing to request an opportunity for myself, relevant City staff and consultants to brief the City Council regarding proposed upcoming wastewater and stormwater capital improvement projects identified through the City's recently completed Integrated Plan, as well as to discuss anticipated financial implications associated with the Plan.

Thank you for considering this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (508) 979-1556.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Capital Project Implementation  
Sewer Rate Impact Assessment  
Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I respectfully request that a motion for a sewer rate increase proposal be submitted to City Council on behalf of the Department of Public Infrastructure, Wastewater Division to effective July 1, 2020.

### Commodity Rate Proposal

The following sewer commodity rates are proposed for FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24 and FY25:

- The FY21 commodity rate be increased by \$0.33 to \$5.64, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY22 commodity rate be increased by \$0.35 to \$5.99, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY23 commodity rate be increased by \$0.37 to \$6.36, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY24 commodity rate be increased by \$0.39 to \$6.76, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY25 commodity rate be increased by \$0.42 to \$7.17, effective July 1, 2024.

The requirement that the sewer commodity rate be indexed in perpetuity according to the January Consumer Price Index, to take effect within 14 days of the adoption of the FY21 Wastewater budget by City Council and July 1 of each year thereafter shall remain in full effect.

## **Base Rate Proposal**

The following base rates are proposed for FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24 and FY25

### ***Fiscal Year 2021***

- The FY21 sewer base rate for 5/8" service size be increased by \$5.48 to \$93.76, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 3/4" service size be increased by \$5.48 to \$93.76, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 1" service size be increased by \$5.48 to \$93.76, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 1.5" service size be increased by \$5.48 to \$93.76, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 2" service size be increased by \$5.48 to \$93.76, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 3" service size be increased by \$18.05 to \$309.04, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 4" service size be increased by \$26.11 to \$446.95, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 6" service size be increased by \$48.61 to \$832.25, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 8" service size be increased by \$75.57 to \$1,293.81, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 10" service size be increased by \$106.98 to \$1,831.63, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.
- The FY21 sewer base rate for 12" service size be increased by \$106.98 to \$1,831.63, effective within 14 days of the adoption of the Wastewater budget by City Council.

### ***Fiscal Year 2022***

- The FY22 sewer base rate for 5/8" service size be increased by \$5.82 to \$99.57, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 3/4" service size be increased by \$5.82 to \$99.57, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 1" service size be increased by \$5.82 to \$99.57, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 1.5" service size be increased by \$5.82 to \$99.57, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 2" service size be increased by \$5.82 to \$99.57, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 3" service size be increased by \$19.17 to \$328.21, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 4" service size be increased by \$27.72 to \$474.68, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 6" service size be increased by \$51.63 to \$883.88, effective July 1, 2021.

- The FY22 sewer base rate for 8" service size be increased by \$80.26 to \$1,374.07, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 10" service size be increased by \$113.62 to \$1,945.25, effective July 1, 2021.
- The FY22 sewer base rate for 12" service size be increased by \$113.62 to \$1,945.25, effective July 1, 2021.

***Fiscal Year 2023***

- The FY23 sewer base rate for 5/8" service size be increased by \$6.18 to \$105.75, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 3/4" service size be increased by \$6.18 to \$105.75, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 1" service size be increased by \$6.18 to \$105.75, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 1.5" service size be increased by \$6.18 to \$105.75, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 2" service size be increased by \$6.18 to \$105.75, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 3" service size be increased by \$20.36 to \$348.57, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 4" service size be increased by \$29.44 to \$504.12, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 6" service size be increased by \$54.83 to \$938.71, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 8" service size be increased by \$85.24 to \$1,459.30, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 10" service size be increased by \$120.67 to \$2,065.91, effective July 1, 2022.
- The FY23 sewer base rate for 12" service size be increased by \$120.67 to \$2,065.91, effective July 1, 2022.

***Fiscal Year 2024***

- The FY24 sewer base rate for 5/8" service size be increased by \$6.56 to \$112.31, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 3/4" service size be increased by \$6.56 to \$112.31, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 1" service size be increased by \$6.56 to \$112.31, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 1.5" service size be increased by \$6.56 to \$112.31, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 2" service size be increased by \$6.56 to \$112.31, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 3" service size be increased by \$21.62 to \$370.20, effective July 1, 2023.

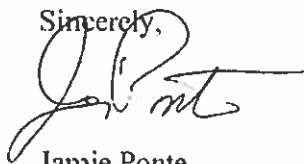
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 4" service size be increased by \$31.27 to \$535.39, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 6" service size be increased by \$58.23 to \$996.93, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 8" service size be increased by \$90.52 to \$1,549.83, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 10" service size be increased by \$128.15 to \$2,194.06, effective July 1, 2023.
- The FY24 sewer base rate for 12" service size be increased by \$128.15 to \$2,194.06, effective July 1, 2023.

***Fiscal Year 2025***

- The FY25 sewer base rate for 5/8" service size be increased by \$6.97 to \$119.28, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 3/4" service size be increased by \$6.97 to \$119.28, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 1" service size be increased by \$6.97 to \$119.28, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 1.5" service size be increased by \$6.97 to \$119.28, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 2" service size be increased by \$6.97 to \$119.28, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 3" service size be increased by \$22.96 to \$393.16, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 4" service size be increased by \$33.21 to \$568.60, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 6" service size be increased by \$61.84 to \$1,058.78, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 8" service size be increased by \$96.14 to \$1,645.96, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 10" service size be increased by \$136.10 to \$2,330.16, effective July 1, 2024.
- The FY25 sewer base rate for 12" service size be increased by \$136.10 to \$2,330.16, effective July 1, 2024.

Thank you for considering this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (508) 979-1556.

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Schedule of Sewer Rate Increases

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

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### Commodity Rate Proposal

Table 1 below summarizes the proposed commodity rates for FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24 and FY25:

Table 1: Commodity Rate Proposal FY 21 thru FY25

FY 2020 (Current Rate)	FY 2021	Increase	FY 2022	Increase	FY 2023	Increase	FY 2024	Increase	FY 2025	Increase
\$5.31	\$5.64	\$0.33	\$5.99	\$0.35	\$6.36	\$0.37	\$6.76	\$0.39	\$7.17	\$0.42

## Base Rate Proposal

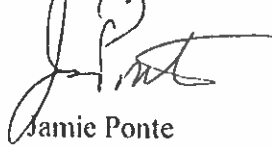
Table 2 below summarizes the proposed base rates for FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24 and FY25:

Service Size	FY 2020 (Current Rate)	FY 2021	Increase	FY 2022	Increase	FY 2023	Increase	FY 2024	Increase	FY 2025	Increase
5/8"	\$88.28	\$93.76	\$5.48	\$99.57	\$5.82	\$105.75	\$6.18	\$112.31	\$6.56	\$119.28	\$6.97
3/4"	\$88.28	\$93.76	\$5.48	\$99.57	\$5.82	\$105.75	\$6.18	\$112.31	\$6.56	\$119.28	\$6.97
1"	\$88.28	\$93.76	\$5.48	\$99.57	\$5.82	\$105.75	\$6.18	\$112.31	\$6.56	\$119.28	\$6.97
1 1/2"	\$88.28	\$93.76	\$5.48	\$99.57	\$5.82	\$105.75	\$6.18	\$112.31	\$6.56	\$119.28	\$6.97
2"	\$88.28	\$93.76	\$5.48	\$99.57	\$5.82	\$105.75	\$6.18	\$112.31	\$6.56	\$119.28	\$6.97
3"	\$290.99	\$309.04	\$18.05	\$328.21	\$19.17	\$348.57	\$20.36	\$370.20	\$21.62	\$393.16	\$22.96
4"	\$420.84	\$446.95	\$26.11	\$474.68	\$27.72	\$504.12	\$29.44	\$535.39	\$31.27	\$568.60	\$33.21
6"	\$783.64	\$832.25	\$48.61	\$883.88	\$51.63	\$938.71	\$54.83	\$996.93	\$58.23	\$1,058.78	\$61.84
8"	\$1,218.24	\$1,293.81	\$75.57	\$1,374.07	\$80.26	\$1,459.30	\$85.24	\$1,549.83	\$90.52	\$1,645.96	\$96.14
10"	\$1,724.65	\$1,831.63	\$106.98	\$1,945.25	\$113.62	\$2,065.91	\$120.67	\$2,194.06	\$128.15	\$2,330.16	\$136.10
12"	\$1,724.65	\$1,831.63	\$106.98	\$1,945.25	\$113.62	\$2,065.91	\$120.67	\$2,194.06	\$128.15	\$2,330.16	\$136.10

In addition, I am requesting the requirement that the sewer commodity rate be indexed in perpetuity according to the January Consumer Price Index, to take effect within 14 days of the adoption of the FY21 Wastewater budget by City Council and July 1 of each year thereafter shall remain in full effect.

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