



## Newton City Council

### Committee of the Whole Agenda

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

**Council Chamber**

**7:00 PM**

The City Council will meet in a Committee of the Whole with Finance presiding on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm to conduct a Public Hearing on the Mayor's proposed FY18 Water & Sewer Rates and Storm Water Fees, the Mayor's Capital Improvement Plan and the Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan.

#### Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

- #63-18** **Submittal of the FY 2019 to FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2019 to 2023 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. (Submitted 10/16/17)

#### Referred To Finance and Appropriate Committees

- #251-18** **Submittal of the FY 2019 – FY 2023 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY 2019 – FY 2023 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan.

#### Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #249-18** **Proposed Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting recommended FY2019 Water/Sewer/Storm Water Rates for implementation on July 1, 2018, as follows:

##### **FY 2019 Tiers & Rates for Water and Sewer**

<u>HCF Per Quarter</u>	<u>Water Rate Per HCF</u>	<u>Sewer Rate Per HCF</u>
0-10	\$6.60	\$10.55
11-25	\$7.60	\$12.30
26-60	\$8.74	\$13.20
>60	\$10.90	\$15.20
Irrigation	\$12.00	

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**FY 2019 Storm Water Fees**

1-4 family dwellings \$75.00

All other properties:

<u>Square feet of impervious surface area</u>	<u>Annual rate</u>
0 – 4,999	\$250.00
5,000 – 7,499	\$500.00
7,500 – 9,999	\$750.00
10,000 – 14,999	\$1,000.00
15,000 – 24,999	\$1,250.00
25,000 – 49,999	\$1,500.00
50,000 – 74,999	\$1,750.00
75,000 – 99,999	\$2,000.00
100,000 – 199,999	\$2,500.00
200,000 – 299,999	\$3,000.00
300,000 – 399,999	\$3,500.00
400,000 – 499,999	\$4,000.00
500,000 and greater	\$5,000.00



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1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Newton Revised Ordinances, I write to request that your Honorable Council docket for consideration the proposed water, sewer, and stormwater rates effective July 1, 2018.

The administration is proposing to keep water and stormwater rates the same in FY19 as compared to FY18 and to increase sewer rates. As a result of lower than expected sewer revenue in Tiers 3 and 4, combined with the fact that sewer rates are no longer assessed on water used for irrigation, sewer revenues have decreased. To cover our projected costs it is necessary to raise the sewer rates by 7.4% this year. However, as there will be no increase in water or stormwater rates, the combination of these rate increases are in line with the practice of keeping water/sewer/stormwater rate increase at 3.9%.

Please note, including this year, it will be 4 years since the City Council first adopted an increase in the residential stormwater rates and 3 years since rates based on impervious surface areas were adopted for commercial properties. Although I have not proposed any changes to the stormwater rates for Fiscal Year 2019, I intend to spend the next several months working on the stormwater capital plan and determining the future structure of the stormwater rates. It is my intent to submit a proposed new structure for the Council's review in the Fall.

The proposed water, sewer, and stormwater rates are as follows:

<u>Water Rates</u> <u>HCF Per Quarter</u>	<u>FY2018</u> <u>Water Rate per HCF</u>	<u>FY2019</u> <u>Water Rate per HCF</u>
0 - 10	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.60
11 - 25	\$ 7.60	\$ 7.60
26 - 60	\$ 8.74	\$ 8.74
>60	\$10.90	\$10.90
Irrigation	\$12.00	\$12.00

<u>Sewer Rates</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>
<u>HCF Per Quarter</u>	<u>Sewer Rate per HCF</u>	<u>Sewer Rate per HCF</u>
0 – 10	\$ 9.85	\$10.55
11 – 25	\$11.45	\$12.30
26 - 60	\$12.30	\$13.20
>60	\$14.15	\$15.20
Irrigation	n/a	n/a

<u>Stormwater Fees:</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2018</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2019</u>
Residential	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00

**Commercial Stormwater Fees: based on Impervious area – no change in FY19**

<u>Tier (in impervious square feet)</u>	<u>FY2019 Rate per Parcel</u>
0-5,000	\$ 250.00
5,000-7,500	\$ 500.00
7,500-10,000	\$ 750.00
10,000-15,000	\$1,000.00
15,000-25,000	\$1,250.00
25,000-50,000	\$1,500.00
50,000-75,000	\$1,750.00
75,000-100,000	\$2,000.00
100,000-200,000	\$2,500.00
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300,000-400,000	\$3,500.00
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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor