

KENNEBUNK SEWER DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the Kennebunk Sewer District will hold a **Rate Hearing** at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in the Conference Room at the District's Main Office at 44 Water Street in Kennebunk. The purpose of the **Rate Hearing** will be to set rates and fees for 2018.

Sewer User Fees

The Board of Trustees of the Kennebunk Sewer District is proposing that sewer service charges be adjusted for the calendar year 2018.

Residential Customers

Below is a comparison of the 2017 rates with those being proposed for 2018:

Sewer Fee Component Charges	2017	2018
Debt Retirement Charges	\$170.00	\$192.49
Support System Charges	\$360.96	\$359.81
Variable Operation & Maintenance Charges	\$0.02782	\$0.02766

For Kennebunk Sewer District, the average residential user uses 8,000 cubic feet (ft³) of water per year. The sewer user fee for the average user will see an increase in the annual bill of 2.7%. The increase is primarily due to the cost of increased annual bond costs. Debt Retirement and Support system charges are based on the number of dwelling units on the property.

Vacant lots will be charged \$1.30 per foot of frontage. Ready to Serve customers will be charged for Debt Retirement charges for each dwelling unit.

Commercial and Industrial Customers

Commercial and Industrial customers shall be charged one Debt Retirement and Support System charge for each 12,000 ft³ of water consumed with a minimum of one unit. A comparison of the 2017 rates and the proposed rates for 2018 are presented below:

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Debt Retirement Charges	\$170.00	\$192.49
Support System Charges	\$360.96	\$359.81
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Equity Buy In Fee

Equity Buy-In Fees are one time charges for new construction or changes of use that result in more wastewater discharged to the public sewer. Fees collected are used to pay for the cost of capital improvements to the wastewater treatment facility and collection systems. Rates for single family homes or Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) are set at 250 gallons per day.

Equity Buy-In Fees	2017 Cost per EDU / Gallon	2018 Cost per EDU / Gallon
Cost per 250 gallons per day (gpd)	\$3887 per EDU @ 250 gallons per day	\$3887 per EDU @ 250 gallons per day
Cost per gallon	\$15.54 per gallon	\$15.54 per gallon

Collection System Impact Fees

Annually, the Board reviews the need to adjust the base Collection System Impact Fee charges. For 2018, the Trustees will propose to increase the base charges by 2.12% to match the increase in the Construction Cost Index as published by the Engineering News Record. Funds are placed in separate accounts and will be dedicated towards improvements in each specific collection system necessitated by growth. Currently there are Collection System Impact Fees set for the Turnpike Industrial Zone, Route 1 North, and Route 1 South areas. A summary of the 2017 Impact Fees and the proposed 2018 Impact Fees are presented below:

Collection System Impact Fees	2017 Cost per Gallon	2018 Cost per Gallon
Route One South Impact Fee	\$0.54	\$0.55
Route One North Impact Fee	\$0.36	\$0.37
Turnpike Impact Fee	\$9.60	\$9.80

For more information on the Rate Hearing please call the District offices at (207) 985-4741.

James Oppert, Clerk

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