

# ORD 23-19

## TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

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3 AN ORDINANCE

4 **AMENDING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND WATER**  
5 **RATES**  
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7 The Town of Cumberland ordains:-  
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9 **Section I.** Appendix C of the Town of Cumberland Code of Ordinances entitled "Schedule of  
10 Fees and Charges" is hereby amended as to the water rate schedule as follows:  
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Service Charge	FY 2024	FY 2025
Qualified elderly	<del>\$26</del> -\$28	\$30
5/8 inch	<del>\$62</del> -\$67	\$70
3/4 inch	<del>\$74</del> -\$81	\$84
1 inch	<del>\$118</del> -\$128	\$134
1 1/2 inches	<del>\$187</del> -\$203	\$212
2 inches	<del>\$280</del> -\$305	\$318
3 inches	<del>\$526</del> -\$572	\$597
4 inches	<del>\$800</del> -\$871	\$908
6 inches	<del>\$1,565</del> -\$1703	\$1777

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Public and Private Fee Per 1,000 gallons (quarterly)	FY 2024	FY 2025
Step 1		
0 to 12,500	<del>\$3.1846</del> -\$3.465	\$3.616
Step 2		
12,501 to 50,000	<del>\$4.4639</del> -\$4.858	\$5.068
Step 3		
Over 50,001	<del>\$4.7436</del> -\$5.162	\$5.385

13 \*The per 1,000-gallon rates in effect on the date of the passage of this appendix as set  
14 forth above shall be adjusted annually by the percentage less than or equal to any tax  
15 increase which may be approved by the Town Council (through the annual tax levy),  
16 provided that any such increase does not exceed the rates adequate to pay for all costs  
17 associated with the municipal water supply as more fully and completely set forth in  
18 § 45-39.1-5 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

Other Rates per 1,000 Gallons	FY 2024	FY 2025
Purchased water surcharge	<del>\$1.54</del> -\$2.60000	\$2.713
Infrastructure surcharge	<del>\$1.92</del> -\$2.0893	\$2.180

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Other Rates per 1,000 Gallons	FY 2024	FY 2025
State surcharge	\$0.1866	\$0.1866
Water protection surcharge	\$0.1054	\$0.1054

19 \*The purchased water surcharge shall be adjusted by the Water Superintendent as  
 20 required due to increases in the wholesale rate for water from any wholesale provider as  
 21 approved by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (RIPUC). The increase in the  
 22 surcharge shall be equal to any future RIPUC-approved wholesale rate increase and shall  
 23 take effect immediately upon notification of the rate increase by any wholesale provider.

Other Charges	FY 2024	FY 2025
Public fire hydrant	\$330 per hydrant	\$330
Shutoff fee	\$100 per occurrence	\$100
Water service tie-in fee	\$500	\$500

24 New installation tie-in fee. Additional fee for providing and installing new meter, based  
 25 on size to cover the cost of purchasing the meter and automatic reading transmitter:

Meter Size (inches)	FY 2024	FY 2025
5/8	\$288	\$294
3/4	\$328	\$335
1	\$378	\$386
1 1/2	\$984	\$1,004
2	\$984	\$1,004
3	\$2,192	\$2,236
4	\$3,690	\$3,764
6	\$6,257	\$6,382

26 Debt reduction surcharge. The collection of a debt reduction surcharge for the purpose of  
 27 recovering debt shall remain in effect in accordance with Ordinance No. 15-12 as

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28 approved by the Town Council.

29 Collection of outstanding water and sewer bills shall result in termination of water  
30 service to the subject property until such time that the outstanding balances are collected  
31 and/or a lien being placed against the subject property and may result in tax sale to collect  
32 outstanding balances.

33 Said water bills shall be due and payable on the date stated therein, and all water bills  
34 remaining unpaid 31 days thereafter shall carry until collected, a penalty of 14% upon the  
35 unpaid amount and a penalty of \$5 each billing period.

36 Monetary and percentage terms may vary slightly due to round-off effect to nearest  
37 whole dollar or nearest whole percentage point.

38 Any customer using an average of 100,000 gallons or more per month will be billed  
39 monthly. All other customers shall be billed at such times as determined and agreed upon  
40 by the Finance Director and the Water Superintendent.

41 Infrastructure surcharge. Funds which are budgeted and/or collected through the  
42 infrastructure revenue and expense lines and capital improvement expense line of the  
43 approved annual water fund budget which are not expended in each fiscal year shall be  
44 transferred to a restricted water infrastructure fund for the purpose of completing  
45 infrastructure projects within the water system. The funds shall be transferred to the  
46 restricted water infrastructure fund within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year, and the  
47 amount shall be recommended by the Finance Director and Water Superintendent and  
48 approved by the Town Council, subject to changes proposed by the annual audit.

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50 Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.  
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**EXPLANATION**

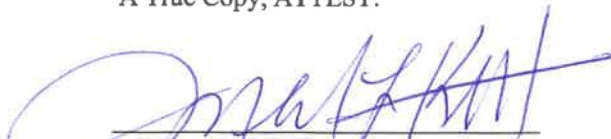
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54 ~~This ordinance will allow the Tax Assessor to change certain tax exemptions to keep in line with~~  
55 ~~the recent town wide revaluation.~~ **This ordinance amends the water rates of the Town of**  
56 **Cumberland**  
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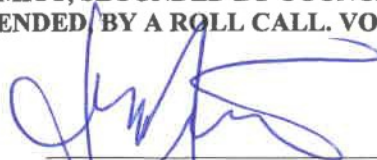
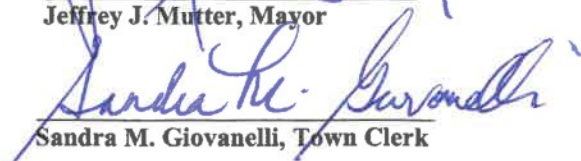
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59 6/29/23: SFK

**ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILOR SCHMITT, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SHAW,  
IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE #23-19 AS AMENDED BY A ROLL CALL. VOTE 5/0.**

Date Adopted: August 16, 2023

A True Copy, ATTEST:

  
Michael L. Kinch, Council President

  
Jeffrey J. Mutter, Mayor  
  
Sandra M. Giovanelli, Town Clerk