

Dear Seekonk Water Customer,

Recently, all customers were mailed a new water use rate card. The card shows water rates that went into effect on December 16, 2020.

In order for the Seekonk Water District to continue providing reliable high-quality water service we must implement a rate increase. The rates are expected to increase the average customer's monthly bill by \$9.75 per month. Currently the average customer pays \$465 annually for their water use. Based on this rate increase, that same customers' bill is projected to increase to \$584 annually.

As water user rates continue to rise throughout the Commonwealth, the Seekonk Water District continues to be well below the average annual cost of \$595 per customer per the most recent Water Rate Survey conducted in 2017. We are committed to managing our costs efficiently while at the same time upholding our commitment to a sustainable future. These rate adjustments will help ensure the reliability of basic water service, while at the same time, help to support the District's commitment to managing and maintaining an aging infrastructure.

The graph below was prepared by the independent firm of Tighe & Bond and shows the average annual cost of water in Massachusetts from 2000 thru 2017. As you will notice, our water rates continue to be reasonably priced.

Board of Water Commissioners

