

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with Article VII, Section 703 of the Charter of the Town of North East and the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article – Environment Section 9-727, notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of North East will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 26, 2021 via Zoom to allow the public the opportunity to make oral and written comments on the proposed Fiscal Year Budget for 2021-2022 and tax rate as well as to allow the Mayor and Commissioners to present the necessity of the proposed water service charges/rates and bulk water charges/rates for the Town of North East/North East Water Works and to allow the public the opportunity to make oral and written comments on the proposed charges and rates.

To participate in the public hearing, members of the public must email office@northeastmd.org or call 410-287-5801 x 102 to obtain instructions for attending via the internet or listening over teleconference.

The proposed real property tax rate is projected to remain the same at \$0.4800 per \$100.00 of assessment. The constant yield tax rate for real property is \$0.5049 per \$100.00 of assessment. The proposed public utility and railroad operating property tax rate is projected to remain the same at \$1.20 per \$100.00 of assessment. The proposed refuse fee is proposed to increase from \$212.00 to \$218.00 annually per unit.

Water Service Charges/Rates, Ready to Serve Charges/Rates, Bulk Water Charges/Rates, for the Town of North East/North East are projected as outlined below.

I. Water Service Charges/Rates:

(a) All classifications: Water Service Charges/Rates are proposed to remain the same as the current year: In Town \$50.50 for 5,000 gallons minimum plus \$10.10 per 1,000 gallons over minimum. Note: Multi-Use and/or Multi-Unit is charged per business or residential unit served regardless of the number of meters serving said units.

(b) All classifications: Water Service Charges/Rates are proposed to remain the same as the current year: Out of Town \$101.00 for 5,000 gallons minimum plus \$20.20 per 1,000 gallons over minimum. Note: Multi-Use and/or Multi-Unit is charged per business or residential unit served regardless of the number of meters serving said units.

(c) Artesian Interconnection Service Charges/Rates are proposed to remain the same as the current year: \$14,049 for 35,000 gallons per day minimum plus \$4.46 per 1,000 gallons over minimum.

II. Ready to Serve Charges/Rates:

This charge is in addition to the current connection fee charge/rate and major facilities fee charge/rate. The ready to serve charge/rate is an amount equal to one half of the established water service charge/rate times the number of units proposed to be served or the equivalent residential unit ("ERU"). For subdivision development and single lot parcel development, the ready to serve charge/rate will be in the amount of one half of the standard minimum water service charge/rate for the property location, based upon the number of units. For commercial, industrial, institutional, multi-use, multi-unit and any other development, as calculated above, the ready-to-serve charge in lieu of user fees will be based upon the number of equivalent residential units for the allocation of water.

An equivalent residential unit ("ERU") is calculated by dividing the number of gallons in the requested allocation, by the number of gallons in the town's established average for residential consumption of water. The current average for purposes of calculating allocations for residential development is 250 gallons per day per unit.

III. Bulk Charges/Rates:

Upon request and upon availability water will be sold from the plant(s) at a bulk charge/rate basis from time to time. The bulk charge/rate is projected to remain unchanged from \$50.50 per 1,000 gallons.

IV. Connection Fee Charges/Rates are proposed to remain the same at: In Town and Out of Town - for meters up to one (1) inch in size, the Connection Fee/Charge Rate \$2,525.00 for all classifications.

V. Major Facilities Fee Charges/Rates are proposed to remain the same at: In Town and Out of Town for all classifications \$3,500.00 times the number of units proposed to be served or per equivalent residential unit ("ERU"), regardless of the number of meters.

VI. For purposes of this matter classifications are considered to be, but not limited to, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multi Use, Multi Unit and Residential.

VII. Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"):

For purposes of this matter an "ERU" is calculated by dividing the number of gallons of water allocated, by the number of gallons in the town's established average for residential consumption of water, rounded to the next whole number.

VIII. Usage per Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"):

For purposes of this matter the average for purposes of calculating allocations for residential development is 250 gallons per day per unit.

Storm Water Service Charges/Rates, for the Town of North East are projected as outlined below.

I. Storm Water Management Fee Rate:

The Storm Water Management Fee is proposed to remain the same at \$5.60 per quarter per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

II. Storm Water Management Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU):

For the purposes of this matter an "ERU" is calculated by dividing the actual square footage of impervious surface by the square footage in the town's established average for residential properties, rounded to the next whole number. The average for purposes of calculating allocations for residential properties is 1,180 square feet.

The proposed budget may be obtained by calling 410-287-5801 x 104, or by emailing finance@northeastmd.org.

The Mayor and Commissioners
of the Town of North East
Michael Kline, Mayor