



# TOWN OF NORTH EAST

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601 Bridge Street  
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please publish the legal notice in your May 20, 2026 and May 22, 2026 issues as written below. Also, please provide an affidavit of publication. Should you have any questions please contact Melissa MacKenzie, Town Administrator at 302-584-6207.

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## THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, MD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Article VII, Section 703. Budget Adoption of the Charter of the Town of North East, Chapter 7, Article 5, Section 7-505. Water Rates of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of North East and MD Code, Environment, Section 9-727. Hearings notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of North East will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall Meeting Room (106 S. Main Street, North East MD 21901) at 7:00 p.m. on May 27, 2026 to allow the public the opportunity to make oral and written comments on the proposed Fiscal Year Budget for 2026-2027; real property tax rate; public utility and railroad operating property tax rate; 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.

The proposed real property tax rate is proposed to remain the same at \$0.4800 per \$100.00 of assessment. The proposed public utility and railroad operating property tax rate is proposed to remain the same at \$1.20 per \$100.00 of assessment. The proposed refuse fee is proposed to increase from \$334.60 to \$348.00 annually per unit.

The proposed General Fund Budget is \$5,791,341.4; the proposed Enterprise (Water) Fund is \$5,145,138.50 and the proposed Storm Water Management Fund is \$202,753.00.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Water Service Charges/Rates, Ready to Serve Charges/Rates, Bulk Water Charges/Rates, for the Town of North East/North East are proposed as outlined below.

I. Water Service Charges/Rates:

- (a) All classifications: Water Service Charges/Rates are proposed to be increased to the following: In Town from \$57.30 to \$59.00 for 5,000 gallons minimum plus from \$11.46 to \$11.80 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 be increased to the following: Out of Town from \$114.60 to \$118.00 for 5,000 gallons minimum plus from \$28.65 to \$29.50 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 at \$14,049 for 35,000 gallons per day minimum plus \$4.46 per 1,000 gallons over the 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 proposed to increase from \$57.30 to \$59.00 per 1,000 gallons.

IV. Connection Fee Charges/Rates are proposed to be increased to the following: In Town and Out of Town for meters up to one (1) inch in size, the Connection Fee/Charge Rate from \$2,825.00 to \$2,910.00 for all classifications.

V. Major Facilities Fee Charges/Rates are proposed to be increased to the following: In Town and Out of Town for all classifications from \$4,100.00 to \$4,225.00 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 proposed as outlined below.

I. Storm Water Management Fee Rate:

The Storm Water Management Fee is proposed to remain the same at \$5.90 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.

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees are proposed as follows:

I. Police Department Report is proposed to change from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per report.

II. Adaptive Reuse Development Application is proposed at \$250.00 per application.

III. Debit/Credit Card payment Fee is proposed to be established at \$2.40 per transaction of the total transaction amount.

IV. ACH payments, e-check and physical checks – no fee.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget may be obtained by calling 410-287-5801 x 7104, or by emailing [finance@northeastmd.org](mailto:finance@northeastmd.org).

The Mayor and Commissioners  
of the Town of North East  
Kelly Benson, Mayor