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## **Important Notice Regarding Water/Sewer Rates**

Dear Keenesburg Residents,

This letter is to inform you that the Board of Trustees voted to increase the water and sewer rates at their meeting on November 15, 2021. We would like to take the time to provide some background and history of the town's water and sewer rates as the increase will be approximately 37.5%. The new rate increase will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

- 2013: the town had a flat rate for sewer at \$33.00 per customer.
- 2015: a water sewer study was conducted and the fee structure was updated. The study recommended an annual 8% increase to water rates and a 10% increase in sewer rates.
- January 1, 2016: due to the water sewer study, the Board of Trustees approved a change to the sewer rate structure and set a base rate of \$26.00 plus \$3.15 per thousand gallons of water usage, based upon the average usage of December, January, and February, which increased water rates by 8%.
- June 2016: the board approved an increase in water rates by 8% and increased sewer rates by 3%, with an effective date of July 1, 2016, to keep pace with the operating costs.
- 2017: the board followed the water and sewer study and increased the water 8% and sewer by 10% effective July 1, 2017.
- 2018: the board approved an increase in sewer rates by 20% and there were no increases to the water rates; which was effective July 1, 2018.
- 2019: the board approved a restructuring of the water rates to include a base rate and charges for all consumption of water rather than a flat fee for up to 6,000 gallons of usage and removed the multipliers that had applied to commercial users. This was effective Feb 1, 2020; the delayed effective date was adopted to give more time to advise the residents of the increase.

There were no increases in 2020 or 2021. Escalating operating costs have left the town with no option but to increase both water and sewer rates to keep pace with rising costs. Other than restructuring the water rate table, there have been no increases in water rates since July 2017, and no increases in the sewer rate since July 2018. The new rate increase that will go into effect on January 1, 2022, will increase the water and sewer rates by approximately 37.5%.

While the board was reluctant to institute such a large increase, it is necessary for the town to have the revenue to support operations. The board will be reviewing operating costs versus revenue on a monthly basis to assure that these increases will support the operations.

The water/sewer increase will be as follows:

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Residential and Commercial Water Base Fee	Residential and Commercial Water User Rates										
<p data-bbox="337 205 639 237"><u>Water Monthly Base Fee:</u></p> <table data-bbox="345 275 634 453"> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 275 532 306">¾" tap</td> <td data-bbox="537 275 634 306">\$37.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 310 532 342">1" tap</td> <td data-bbox="537 310 634 342">\$48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 346 532 378">1 ½" tap</td> <td data-bbox="537 346 634 378">\$78.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 382 532 413">2" tap</td> <td data-bbox="537 382 634 413">\$105.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 417 532 449">3" tap</td> <td data-bbox="537 417 634 449">\$172.00</td> </tr> </table>	¾" tap	\$37.00	1" tap	\$48.00	1 ½" tap	\$78.00	2" tap	\$105.00	3" tap	\$172.00	<p data-bbox="797 205 1479 275"><u>0 to 6,000 gallons</u> - \$3.75 per each thousand gallons or portion thereof</p> <p data-bbox="797 310 1463 380"><u>6,001 to 20,000 gallons</u> - \$4.00 additional per thousand gallons or portion thereof</p> <p data-bbox="797 415 1474 485"><u>20,001 to 40,000 gallons</u> - \$5.00 additional per thousand gallons or portion thereof</p> <p data-bbox="797 520 1463 590"><u>40,001 gallons or more</u> \$7.75 - additional per thousand gallons or portion thereof</p>
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<p data-bbox="203 491 774 560">All tap sizes in excess of 3" base rate to be determined by the Board of Trustees.</p>											

Sewer Usage Rates					
In Town Use:					
<table data-bbox="321 810 980 879"> <tr> <td data-bbox="704 810 813 842"><u>Base Fee</u></td> <td data-bbox="894 810 980 842">\$47.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="321 846 846 879">Per thousand gallons of water consumption</td> <td data-bbox="894 846 980 879">\$5.96</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Base Fee</u>	\$47.80	Per thousand gallons of water consumption	\$5.96	
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Outside Town Use Sewer Rates are doubled					

\*Please note that all households and commercial businesses are charged the base fee in addition to the usage per thousand gallons.

Please contact Town Hall at 303-732-4281 with any questions.

Respectfully,

Town of Keenesburg