

**Town of Williamsport
Mayor & Town Council
Public Hearing: Utility Rate Increase – June 5, 2023**

On June 5, 2023, the Mayor & Town Council for the Town of Williamsport held a Public Hearing to accept public comment on the proposed utility rate increase. Those members of the elected body who were present included Mayor William Green, Assistant Mayor Dennis Grove, Councilman Jim Braswell, Councilperson Tinsley, Councilman Charles Brown, Councilman Pereschuk, and Councilperson Margaret Yaukey. Town employees in attendance included Chad Rooney, Town Manager; Kathrine Gratton, Circuit Rider/Grant Writer, and Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

The Mayor presented the need to increase utility rates based on a study completed in the summer/fall of 2022. The rates were increased in late 2022 and again as part of the fiscal year budget. The next proposed increase would not occur until the passing of Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.

Discussion among members of Town Council regarding the desire and lack of desire to increase rates a second time in less than one year. The importance of building the Water/Sewer Fund to use for future projects balanced by the burden of an increase on consumers was discussed.

Assistant Mayor Grove motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Tinsley; the public hearing adjourned at 7:15pm.

Cordially Tendered,



Chad P. Rooney
Town Manager / Clerk / Treasurer

William "Bill" Green, Mayor
Dennis Grove, Assistant Mayor



Chad P. Rooney, Town Manager
Clerk/Treasurer

Jim Braswell, Councilmember
Charles Brown III, Councilmember
Earle Pereschuk, Sr., Councilmember
Ben Tinsley, Councilmember
Margaret Yaukey, Councilmember

TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

June 5, 2023; 6:30pm

Call To Order – Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Application

Public Comment

Adjourn Public Hearing

Call to Order – Public Hearing: Utility Rate Increase

Public Comment

Adjourn Public Hearing

Call to Order Special Session

Pledge of Allegiance

Consider Introduction of Utility Rate Increase Ordinance

Consider Community Development Block Grant Application

Motion to Adjourn Special Session

Call to Order Work Session

Community Revitalization Plan

Ordinance 2023-03: Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination and Stormwater Connection Ordinance

Adjourn Work Session

Notice

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Williamsport, as its duly constituted legislative body, that a Public Hearing will be held in Council Chambers, Town Hall, on **Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:45 P.M.** The hearing is being scheduled pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Charter of the Town of Williamsport, to consider whether or not to adopt changes to the **water and sewer rates** for said Town. A complete copy of the said proposed Water/Sewer Rates is on file in the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Williamsport, Maryland. Same may be copied or inspected in that office and it is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for convenience and economy. Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Law, notice is hereby given that the deliberations of the Mayor and Council are open to the public. The intent is that the determination will be made at the Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held on June 5, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M. Any comments prior to the Public Hearing submitted by 4:00 P.M., June 2, 2023, will be made part of the Record of the Public Hearing. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Donnie Stotelmyer at (301) 223-7711. Any person desiring a stenographic transcript shall be responsible for supplying a competent stenographer at his/her expense.

Town of Williamsport, Maryland
By: Mayor and Council

Edward L. Kuczynski
Town Attorney

Publish on **Monday, May 15, 2023 for the Town of Williamsport**

Send Certification and Billing to:

ACCOUNT # 560827
Mr. Chad Rooney, Town Manager
Town of Williamsport
2 N. Conococheague Street
Williamsport, MD 21795



Town of Williamsport
 June 5, 2023; Public Hearing - FY 2024 Utility Rates
 Public Sign-In Log



Name	Address	Desire to Speak
Bill Grean	31 E Salisbury St Wmgspt	<input type="checkbox"/>
DENNY GROVE	102 E SALISBURY ST "	<input type="checkbox"/>
BEN TINSLEY	20 E SALISBURY ST "	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Brown	153 E Sunset Ave Williamsport MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chad Brown III	24 South Concord League St	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earl R. Peruchuk Jr.	129 Sunset Avenue Williamsport Md	<input type="checkbox"/>
Margaret Yankey	16 E. Salisbury St	<input type="checkbox"/>
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★ Jan to Feb Billing
2023 (w) New Rates
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New Rate

CHAPTER 34

A ORDINANCE REGULATING RATES OF WATER AND SEWER USAGE
IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT

The Mayor and Town Council, as the duly constituted legislative body, after having held a public hearing, have determined that it is in the best interests of the Town of Williamsport and the citizenry in general to revise certain water and/or sewage fees as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, ENACTED and ORDAINED THAT Chapter 34 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING RATES OF WATER AND SEWER USAGE IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT", be and is hereby revoked; and

Be it further RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED that said Chapter 34, AN ORDINANCE REGATULATING RATES OF WATER AND SEWER USAGE IN TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 34

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING RATES OF WATER AND SEAGE USAGE AND
CONNECTION FEES IN THE TOWN OF WILLAMSPORT

- A. CITY WATER Customers within the corporate limits who have water service. Charges are ~~\$11.14~~ for Residential Customers and ~~\$11.77~~ for Commercial Customers per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- B. CITY SEWER Customers within the corporate limits who have sewer service. Charges are \$15.75 for Residential and Commercial Customers per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- C. CITY WATER/SEWER Customers within the corporate limits who have water and sewer service. Charges are \$11.14 for Residential Customers and \$11.77 for Commercial Customers per 1,000 gallons of water used and \$15.75 per 1,000 gallons for sewer (based on water usage).
- D. COUNTY WATER Customers outside the corporate limits who have water service. Charges are ~~\$18.71~~ for Residential Customers and ~~\$22.19~~ for Commercial Customers per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- E. COUNTY SEWER Customers outside the corporate limits who have sewer service. Charges are \$24.98 for Residential and Commercial Customers per 1,000 gallons of water used.

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F. COUNTY WATER/SEWER Customers outside the corporate limits who have water and sewer service. Charges are \$18.71 for Residential Customers and \$22.19 for Commercial Customers per 1,000 gallons of water used and \$24.98 per 1,000 gallons for sewer (based on water usage).

G. WATER FOR SALE Customers who resell water. Charges are \$14.30 per 1,000 gallons after the minimum 2,000 gallons have been used.

MINIMUM (2,000 gallons): \$21.62 for in-town water usage and \$34.15 for out-of-town water usage; \$31.50 for in-town sewage usage and \$49.96 for out-of-town sewage usage.


The Mayor and Town Council, by Resolution, can elect to bill water and sewer customers on a monthly or quarterly basis.

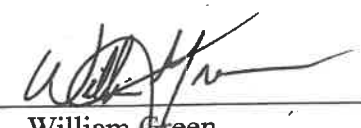
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ENACTED, and ORDAINED that this Ordinance has been introduced and passed to be considered effective on January 1, 2023.

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WITNESS AND ATTEST
AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT,
MARYLAND

By: 
Donnie Stotemyer
Town Manager (Clerk)

By: 
William Green
Mayor

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: October 17, 2022
DATE OF PASSAGE: November 14, 2022
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2023

RECORD & RETURN TO
Donnie Stotemyer, Town Manager
Town of Williamsport
P.O. Box 307
Williamsport, MD 21795

Water 21.62
Water 34.15 out
Sewer 31.50
Sewer 49.96 out

Town of Williamsport
Water & Sewer Utility Rates (Current Proposed)
Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Water Utility Increase - 10%; Proposed Sewer Utility Increase 5%

		↓ Per 1,000 Gallons		5,000		AVERAGE 4-person Home 10,000		15,000		20,000		25,000		
		Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	
In-Town	Water	Residential	\$ 11.14	\$ 11.70	\$ 55.70	\$ 58.49	\$ 111.40	\$ 116.97	\$ 167.10	\$ 175.46	\$ 222.80	\$ 233.94	\$ 278.50	\$ 292.43
		Commercial	\$ 11.77	\$ 12.36	\$ 58.85	\$ 61.79	\$ 117.70	\$ 123.59	\$ 176.55	\$ 185.38	\$ 235.40	\$ 247.17	\$ 294.25	\$ 308.96
	Sewer	Residential	\$ 15.75	\$ 17.33	\$ 78.75	\$ 86.63	\$ 157.50	\$ 173.25	\$ 236.25	\$ 259.88	\$ 315.00	\$ 346.50	\$ 393.75	\$ 433.13
		Commercial	\$ 15.75	\$ 17.33	\$ 78.75	\$ 86.63	\$ 157.50	\$ 173.25	\$ 236.25	\$ 259.88	\$ 315.00	\$ 346.50	\$ 393.75	\$ 433.13
Out-of-Town	Water Only	Residential	\$ 18.71	\$ 19.65	\$ 93.55	\$ 98.23	\$ 187.10	\$ 196.46	\$ 280.65	\$ 294.68	\$ 374.20	\$ 392.91	\$ 467.75	\$ 491.14
		Commercial	\$ 22.19	\$ 23.30	\$ 110.95	\$ 116.50	\$ 221.90	\$ 233.00	\$ 332.85	\$ 349.49	\$ 443.80	\$ 465.99	\$ 554.75	\$ 582.49
	Sewer Only	Residential	\$ 24.98	\$ 27.48	\$ 124.90	\$ 137.39	\$ 249.80	\$ 274.78	\$ 374.70	\$ 412.17	\$ 499.60	\$ 549.56	\$ 624.50	\$ 686.95
		Commercial	\$ 24.98	\$ 27.48	\$ 124.90	\$ 137.39	\$ 249.80	\$ 274.78	\$ 374.70	\$ 412.17	\$ 499.60	\$ 549.56	\$ 624.50	\$ 686.95
	Water & Sewer	Residential Water	\$ 18.71	\$ 19.65	\$ 93.55	\$ 98.23	\$ 187.10	\$ 196.46	\$ 280.65	\$ 294.68	\$ 374.20	\$ 392.91	\$ 467.75	\$ 491.14
		Residential Sewer	\$ 24.98	\$ 27.48	\$ 124.90	\$ 137.39	\$ 249.80	\$ 274.78	\$ 374.70	\$ 412.17	\$ 499.60	\$ 549.56	\$ 624.50	\$ 686.95
		Commercial Water	\$ 22.19	\$ 23.30	\$ 110.95	\$ 116.50	\$ 221.90	\$ 233.00	\$ 332.85	\$ 349.49	\$ 443.80	\$ 465.99	\$ 554.75	\$ 582.49
		Commercial Sewer	\$ 24.98	\$ 27.48	\$ 124.90	\$ 137.39	\$ 249.80	\$ 274.78	\$ 374.70	\$ 412.17	\$ 499.60	\$ 549.56	\$ 624.50	\$ 686.95