

**TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF GREENPORT  
COLUMBIA COUNTY NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 43 --2024

DATED: July 3, 2024

INTRODUCED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

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**WHEREAS**, it is of critical importance to the Town of Greenport to protect its drinking water infrastructure and provide safe and adequate water supply to its users; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals identified in the Town's Comprehensive Plan related to the Town's infrastructure include "continue to upgrade water and sewer system" and "maintain safe drinking water for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 118-7 of the Greenport Town Code, the Town Board of the Town of Greenport ("Town Board") is authorized to establish water rates; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 100-55 of the Greenport Town Code, the Town Board is authorized to set sewer rates by resolution to make proper allowance for residential and commercial users; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Greenport Superintendent of Water and Wastewater has expressed to the Town Board the need to increase water and sewer rates for 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the increases is to enable the Town Board to continue protecting the Town's drinking water infrastructure and providing safe and adequate water supply to users, which includes increasing system reliability and ensuring the continued ability of the system to meet the Town's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously created a graduated water rate scale, taking into consideration the disproportionate impact large water users have on the Town's drinking water infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed water rate for all residential users (as determined by its assessment category on the tax rolls) will be increased by \$0.47/1000 gallons for a new rate of \$3.50 per 1000 gallons of metered use. This rate will only apply to the first 500,000 gallons in a six-month billing period, with a minimum charge for 18,000 gallons per six-month billing period; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed water rate for all commercial users (as determined by its assessment category on the tax rolls) will be increased by \$0.47/1000 gallons for a new rate of \$3.75 per 1000 gallons of metered use; and

**WHEREAS**, the water rates shall increase by \$0.47 per 1000 gallons of metered usage for usage within the following ranges:

- 501,000 – 1,000,000 to \$4.00/1000 gallons;
- 1,001,000 – 5,000,000 to \$4.50/1000 gallons;
- 5,001,000 and above to \$5.00/1000 gallons; and

**WHEREAS**, the residential sewer rate is proposed to increase \$0.47/1000 gallons for a new rate of \$5.00 per 1000 gallons of metered use, with use charges based on 75% of the metered water usage in accordance with Section 100-55 of the Greenport Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the commercial sewer rate is proposed to increase \$0.47/1000 gallons for a new rate of \$7.02 per 1000 gallons of metered use, with use charges based on 75% of the metered water usage in accordance with Section 100-55 of the Greenport Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, these increases were discussed with and considered by the Town Board during preparation of the Town of Greenport's 2025 annual budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that effective January 1, 2025, the water rates shall be established, as follows:

- (1) \$3.50/1000 gallons metered for residential users for usage from zero to 500,000 gallons (with a minimum charge of 18,000 gallons per six-month billing period);
- (2) \$3.75/1000 gallons metered for commercial users for usage from zero to 500,000 gallons (with a minimum charge of 18,000 gallons per six-month billing period);
- (3) \$4.00/1000 gallons metered for usage from 501,000 to 1,000,000 gallons per six-month billing period;
- (4) \$4.50/1000 gallons metered for usage from 1,001,000 to 5,000,000 gallons per six-month billing period; and
- (5) \$5.00/1000 gallons metered for usage from 5,001,000 and above per six-month billing period.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that effective January 1, 2025, the residential sewer rate shall increase to \$5.00 per thousand gallons metered. Residential sewer usage is billed at 75% of metered water usage.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that effective January 1, 2025, the commercial sewer rate shall increase to \$7.02 per thousand gallons metered. Commercial sewer usage is billed at 75% of metered water usage.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all out-of-district users shall continue to be billed at <sup>2.5x</sup> the respective in-district rate for water and sewer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and such rates will be applied to any bills prepared as of January 1, 2025.

**PROPOSED WATER/SEWER RATES**  
**(per Resolution \_\_\_\_-2024)**  
**(RATES TO GO INTO EFFECT WITH 1/1/2025 INVOICES)**

**WATER**

Current residential water rate is: \$3.03/1000 gals. metered for usage from 0-500,000 gals. per 6-mo. billing period.

*[2025:  $\$3.03 + .47 = \underline{\$3.50/1000 \text{ gals.}} \times 18 = \$63.00 \text{ for minimum user}$ ]*

Current commercial water rate is: \$3.28/1000 gals. metered for usage from 0-500,000 gals. per 6-mo. billing period.

*[2025:  $\$3.28 + .47 = \underline{\$3.75/1000 \text{ gals.}} \times 18 = \$67.50 \text{ for minimum user}$ ]*

**Sliding Scale for High Users over 500,000 for 6 months (commercial):**

\$3.53/1000 gallons metered for usage from 501,000-1,000,000 gals. per 6-mo. billing period

*[2025:  $\$3.53 + .47 = \underline{\$4.00/1000 \text{ gallons}}$ ]*

\$4.03/1000 gallons metered for usage from 1,001,000-5,000,000 gals. per 6-mo. billing period

*[2025:  $\$4.03 + .47 = \underline{\$4.50/1000 \text{ gallons}}$ ]*

\$4.53/1000 gallons metered for usage from 5,001,000 gals. and above per 6-mo. billing period

*[2025:  $\$4.53 + .47 = \underline{\$5.00/1000 \text{ gallons}}$ ]*

**SEWER**

Current residential sewer rate is: \$4.53/1000 gallons metered. Residential sewer usage is billed at 75% of metered water usage [i.e.,  $\$4.53/1000 \times 75\% = \$3.40/1000 \times 18 = \$61.20$  (minimum charge-18,000 gallons)]

*[2025:  $\$4.53 + .47 = \underline{\$5.00/1000 \text{ gallons}}$ ]*

*[\$5.00/1000 x 75% =  $\$3.75/1000 \times 18 = \$67.50 \text{ for minimum user}$ ]*

Current commercial sewer rate is: \$6.55/1000 gallons metered. Commercial sewer usage is billed at 75% of metered water usage [i.e.,  $\$6.55/1000 \times 75\% = \$4.91/1000 \times 18 = \$88.38$  (minimum charge-18,000 gallons)]

*[2025:  $\$6.55 + .47 = \underline{\$7.02/1000 \text{ gallons}}$ ]*

*[\$7.02/1000 x 75% =  $\$5.27/1000 \times 18 = \$94.86 \text{ for minimum user}$ ]*

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT USERS**

**Out-of-District users** (Dutch Village and north on Rt. 66 and Monthly Accounts below) are billed at **2.5x** the in-district rate for water and sewer (no % off).

**MONTHLY BILLS**

	Current Rate	New Rate (eff. 1/2025)
#10201 Columbia County (Water)	8.20	9.38
#10200 Brookwood (Water)	8.20	9.38
(Sewer)	16.38	17.55
#10203 Claverack (Water)	7.58*	9.38

\*Claverack did not receive rate last rate increase. Proposed rate is 2.5x the 2025 commercial water rate.