

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

May 20, 2024

The Brewer Water Department hereby notifies its customers that a proposed increase in rates has been filed with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The proposed rate adjustment is being filed pursuant to section 6104-A of Title 35-A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

The purpose of the rate increase is to dedicate funding to infrastructure renewal projects as allowed under MPUC Chapter 675. The Brewer Water Department is proposing an increase in current water rates to become effective August 1, 2024. The last time Brewer Water rates increased was in 2023. The proposed rates provide an increase in annual revenue of approximately \$93,826. We are proposing a rate change of 3% for all customer classes.

The minimum residential water bill will increase \$0.91 per month, for a quarterly charge of \$94.08. The average residential water bill will increase \$1.15 per month, for a quarterly charge of \$117.88.

A public meeting, pursuant to 35-A MRSA § 6104-A, will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 starting at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 80 North Main Street in Brewer. The meeting will give customers the opportunity to make comments and ask questions regarding the proposed water rate increase. Customers may also request assistance from the Public Advocate, State House Station 112, Augusta, ME 04333, or telephone (207) 624-3687, or OPA.Admin@maine.gov.

Materials supporting the water rate change are available for review at the Brewer Water Department's office, 223 Green Point Road, Brewer, Monday–Friday (excluding holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Customers have the right and are encouraged to review these materials and to request information relating to present and proposed rates.