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Rye Water District

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Re: Water Usage Rate Increase

Dear Rye Water District Customer:

This past year (2016), the Rye Water District (RWD) Commissioners initiated action to perform a water usage rate study to evaluate our current rate structure. It is noted that the last time usage rates were adjusted was in February 2013. The purpose of this study was to determine if our usage rates are adequate to cover the cost of providing water to our district costumers. Additionally, this study reviewed the balance between water usage rate revenues and precinct tax revenues. This water usage rate study has been completed and after careful review of the study results, the RWD Commissioners have determined a rate adjustment is warranted.

The annual bill, along with overage fees (or excessive water usage fees), will both be increased. The annual bill for the majority of the Rye water sourced customers will go from \$90.00 to \$130.00 for the first 50,000 gallons of usage. For those customers whose water is sourced from the City of Portsmouth, the annual bill will go from \$90,00 to \$250.00. (This increase is basically due to the bulk rate increase the City of Portsmouth levied on the RWD).

As noted in the Town of Rye December Newsletter, the RWD receives its revenue from two sources, water usage rates/fees and District precinct taxes. With this increase in water usage rates, it is estimated that the District precinct tax rate will decrease. Detailed information on the water usage rate increase is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink, likely belonging to the RWD Commissioners, are written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

RWD Commissioners

RWD Supplied Users Annual Charge	
Service Meter Size (inches)	Annual Charge
5/8	\$130.00
3/4	\$160.00
1	\$190.00
1-1/4	\$225.00
1-1/2	\$265.00
2	\$385.00
3	\$775.00
4	\$1,555.00

RWD Supplied Seasonal Unit Annual Charge	
Unit Range	Annual Charge
1-4 Units	\$150.00
5-7 units	\$190.00
8-10 units	\$225.00
11-14 units	\$265.00
15-22 units	\$385.00

RWD Supplied Users Overage Rate Structure	
Overage (gallons)	Overage Rate
50,001-100,000	\$3.00
100,001-200,000	\$3.50
200,001-500,000	\$4.50
500,001-999,999,999	\$5.50

Portsmouth Supplied Users Annual Charge	
Service Meter Size (inches)	Annual Charge
5/8	\$250.00
3/4	\$280.00
1	\$320.00
1-1/4	\$355.00
1-1/2	\$395.00
2	\$515.00
3	\$905.00
4	\$1,685.00

Portsmouth Supplied Users Overage Rate Overage Structure	
Usage (gallons)	Overage Rate
50,001-150,000	\$5.00
150,001-999,999,999	\$5.50