



**PUBLIC RATE HEARING
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT



BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC RATE HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Brunswick Sewer District will hold an important public hearing on **Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:30 PM** in the Board Room at District offices at 10 Pine Tree Road, Brunswick, Maine. Purpose of the hearing is to present details, receive public comment, and answer questions concerning the proposed changes to the District's User Rate schedules. It is proposed that the attached rate schedules shall become effective April 01, 2018, and shall supersede all previous rate schedules.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF RATES

Effective April 01, 2018

RATE SCHEDULE I - METERED USE: The sewer use rate for property deriving its main supply of potable water from a METERED source will be based on water meter readings for the property. The minimum charge per calendar quarter for sewer service to such property will be \$ 58.08 for the first 800 cubic feet metered, and \$ 7.26 for each 100 cubic feet metered thereafter.

RATE SCHEDULE II - FLAT RATE FIXTURES: The quarterly sewer use charge for property deriving its potable water from an UN-METERED source will be based on the following schedule of fixture unit rates.

1st sink	\$ 14.52	2nd sink	\$ 9.68
1st washstand	\$ 14.52	2nd washstand	\$ 9.68
1st flush fixture	\$ 29.04	2nd flush fixture	\$ 19.36
1st bathtub or separate shower	\$ 14.52	2nd bathtub or separate shower	\$ 9.68
All other sinks	\$ 7.26	Garbage disposals	\$ 9.68
All other washstands	\$ 7.26	Automatic clothes washers	\$ 14.52
All other flush fixtures	\$ 14.52	Automatic dish washers	\$ 9.68
All other bathtubs or separate showers	\$ 7.26		
Minimum charge			\$ 58.08

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF RATES (CONTINUED)

Effective April 01, 2018



RATE SCHEDULE III - ROOF DRAINS: The sewer use rate for property having an existing roof drain(s) discharging to District sewers will be \$ 72.60 per 1,000 square feet of gross roof area or portion thereof per quarter. For roof area in excess of 1,000 square feet, sewer use will be charged at the rate of \$ 7.26 per 100 square feet or portion thereof per quarter.

RATE SCHEDULE IV - CATCH BASINS: The sewer use rate for catch basins discharging to District sewers will be \$ 410.88 per catch basin per quarter.

RATE SCHEDULE V - SEPTIC TANK AND HOLDING TANK WASTES: The facility use rate for discharge of septic tank waste to District facilities will be \$ 130.00 per 1,000 gallons discharged. The facility use rate for discharge of holding tank waste to District facilities will be \$ 65.00 per 1,000 gallons discharged. A minimum charge of \$ 20.00 shall apply.

RATE SCHEDULE VI - TSS & BOD LIMIT: The sewer use surcharge rates, to be added to the normal user charges, for discharge to District sewers for which the average concentration exceeds the TSS and BOD limits as set forth in the District User Rules and Regulations shall be as follows.

Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$1.11 per pound (lb)
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	\$1.09 per pound (lb)

BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT RATE CHANGE PROCESS



- Changes to our rate structure requires two (2) affirmative votes of our Board of Trustees. The first vote adopts the proposed rates to be discussed at this public hearing. This vote, per our Charter, happens before this hearing. That first vote was taken on December 21, 2017.
- The second and final vote is scheduled to occur at the March 15, 2018 Regular Board meeting, assuming the Board decides to move forward based on the public comments received at this hearing and all other comments received between now and the March Board meeting.

BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT RATE CHANGE PROCESS (continued)

- Comments may be submitted by calling 72900148, by letter, by email at bsd@brunswicksewer.org, or a comment on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/brunswicksewer
- If the proposed rate schedule, or a revised rate schedule, is adopted, the new rates will become effective April 01, 2018.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF RATES

- The most important rate schedule for the vast majority of our customers is Rate Schedule I. This is the rate for all those with metered water use.
- The proposed rate is \$7.26 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons) or \$72.60 per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons). The typical family uses 2,000 cubic feet (about 15,000 gallons) per calendar quarter, our normal billing cycle.
- The minimum quarterly consumption billing will remain at 800 cubic feet.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF RATES (continued)



- The minimum quarterly consumption billing will remain at 800 cubic feet.
- The minimum charge for 800 C.F. will be \$58.08 per quarter, an increase of \$5.28, which equates to an increase of \$1.76 per month or **\$0.44 per week**.
- The proposed rate equals 9/100ths of a cent per gallon (\$0.0097).
- The minimum charge for those on a flat rate, that is - those without metered water use, will be \$58.08 per quarter or \$19.36 per month.

NEED FOR NEW RATE SCHEDULE

- The principal need for the new rates is to finance the \$22,000,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan for the just completed upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant.
- The Maine Department of Environmental Protection loan, obtained through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, has an interest rate of 1%. For an average annual repayment amount of \$1,275,000.
- Based on our 2017 revenue from our Rate Schedule I customers (basically 94% of our billing revenue), the increase is expected to yield an additional \$360,000 for 2018.

Thank you for your support and understanding.