

## NOTICE OF WATER RATE INCREASE

Dear City of Dorchester Customer:

The City Council has investigated and determined that a water rate increase is necessary and advisable in order to operate the City's water system in a fiscally responsible manner and to provide sufficient funds to make improvements and expansions to the water system in the future. The new water rates will go into **effect February 25, 2021** and will reflect on your March bill with the due date being April 15<sup>th</sup>. The water rates will increase as follows:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>5/8"x3/4" Meter Equivalents</b>	<b>Current Monthly Rate (Inside/Outside City)</b>		<b>New Monthly Rate (Inside/Outside City)</b>	
5/8"x3/4" (Standard Size)	1.0	\$15.00	\$25.00	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
3/4"	1.5	\$15.00	\$25.00	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
1"	2.5	\$15.00	\$25.00	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
1 1/2"	5	\$75.00	\$125.00	<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
2"	8	\$100.00	\$150.00	<b>\$110.00</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

The cost of a Front-End Capital Contribution Fee for each new water meter is \$4500.00 with a standard service installation fee per meter installation is \$500.00. (Total cost for new water service is \$5000.00 per meter)

We will be looking at additional increase in 2022 as recommended by GTUA and PUC after a study to see the needed rate for sufficient funds.

The City of Dorchester is committed to providing safe, reliable and high quality water service to our customers. We have strived to keep the water rates as low as possible, after 13 years an increase is necessary to stay in compliance with State Laws and Rules. If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the office at 903-476-5862.

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