

Town of Franklin

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

March 13, 2020

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Bylaw Amendment 20-856: Chapter 82 Municipal Service Fees - Sewer Service Fees

We are requesting a sewer rate increase of 3% for FY21 and 3% in FY22, respectively. The last increase was in 2019. The purpose for the rate increases is because the general cost of doing business is increasing, but most notably the increased assessment of the Charles River Pollution Control District, I have attached a chart to show the assessment increase.

The proposed rates are as follows:

	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED <u>FY21</u>	PROPOSED <u>FY22</u>
0-15 CCF (100 cubic feet or 748 gallons)	\$6.05	<u>\$6.23</u>	<u>\$6.42</u>
16-40 CCF	\$6.45	<u>\$6.64</u>	<u>\$6.84</u>
41+ CCF	\$7.40	<u>\$7.62</u>	<u>\$7.85</u>
Homes with sewer only	\$183 per quarter	\$189 per quarter	\$195 per quarter

The average residential sewer bill will increase by approximately \$3.60 per quarter in FY21 and \$3.71 per quarter in FY22. We do have a tiered system so smaller users will pay less and larger users will pay more.

Please note that while increases in water and sewer rates are frustrating, our system is much more affordable than what MWRA rate payers pay. See chart below.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.

CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSESSMENT

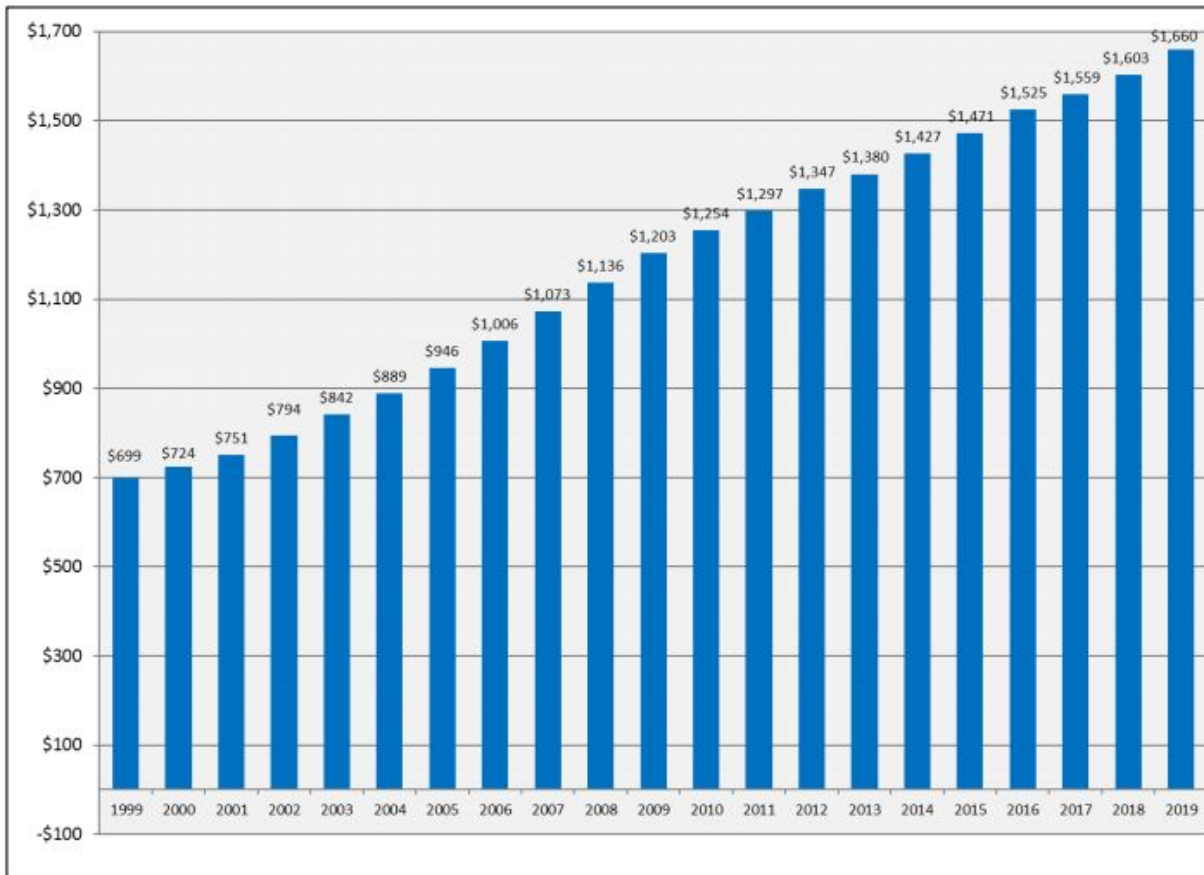
YEAR	AMOUNT	ANNUAL INCREASE
FY14	2,158,040	-
FY15	2,272,730	114,690
FY16	2,943,810	671,080
FY17	3,593,880	650,070
FY18	6,651,680*	57,800
FY19	3,645,250	(6,430)
FY20	3,827,920	182,670

* This figure includes a separate assessment due to the MS4 compliance facility capital improvements.

Combined Annual Water & Sewer Charges in MWRA Communities

1999 – 2019

(Consumption at 120 HCF ≈ 90 kgal)





**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BYLAW AMENDMENT 20-856**

SEWER RATES

A BYLAW TO AMEND the Code of the Town of Franklin, Chapter 82, entitled Fees, at Appendix B, as follows:

**Appendix B
List of Services**

Effective for bills issued after June 30, 2019 20 Sewer Usage rates shall be as follows:

CCF	SEWER USAGE	SEWER USAGE	SEWER USAGE
	Rate 06-30-19	Rate 06-30-20	Rate 06-30-21
0-15	\$6.05	<u>\$6.23</u>	<u>\$6.42</u>
16-40	\$6.45	<u>\$6.64</u>	<u>\$6.84</u>
41+	\$7.40	<u>\$7.62</u>	<u>\$7.85</u>

Sewer Usage for Residences without Municipal Water: ~~\$183 per quarter/FY20~~ \$189 per quarter/FY21 and \$195 per quarter/FY22.

This bylaw shall become effective according to the provisions outlined in the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2020

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

**Teresa M. Burr, CMC
Town Clerk**

ABSENT: _____

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council