



TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BY-LAW AMENDMENT 18-799

SEWER RATES

A **BY-LAW TO AMEND** the Code of the Town of Franklin, Chapter 82, entitled Fees, at Appendix B, as follows:

Appendix B
List of Service Rates

Effective for bills issued after June, 30, 2012 18 Sewer Usage rates shall be as follows:

CCF	Sewer Usage	Sewer Usage	Sewer Usage
	Rate 6-30-2013	Rate 6-30-2018	Rate 6-30-2019
0 – 15	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$6.05
16 – 40	\$5.30	\$5.85	\$6.45
41+	\$6.10	\$6.70	\$7.40

Sewer Usage for Residences without Municipal Water: \$125.00/2012 \$165 per quarter/2018 and \$150.00/2013 \$183 per quarter/2019.

This By-Law shall become effective according to the provisions outlined in the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2018

A True Record Attest:

Teresa M. Burr
Town Clerk

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS _____

YES _____ **NO** _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 17 - 33

ADOPTION OF FY 2018 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town Council conducted two Public Hearings on the FY 2018 Budget on May 24, 2017 and May 25, 2017, after due notice was given in the Milford Daily News; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee issued printed recommendations with Copies made available at each Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council considered the FY 2018 Budget on a Departmental basis, and by vote so determined the size of the appropriations for each Department item on May 25, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED AND VOTED to adopt said General Fund Budget, Water Enterprise Fund Budget, Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget as voted on May 25, 2017 with a Total Appropriation of 120,465,810 of which \$108,538,815 is to be raised and appropriated and the balance transferred from Enterprise Fund revenues and Retained Earnings to be appropriated as follows:

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Regular 2,373,202.00 - \$ abstain

WATER FEES (ENTERPRISE FUND)	\$ 4,869,903
SEWER FEES (ENTERPRISE FUND)	\$ 4,715,150
SEWER RETAINED EARNINGS	400,000
SOLID WASTE FEES (ENTERPRISE FUND)	\$ 1,803,942
SOLID WASTE RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 138,000
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND:	\$ 11,926,995

Bal of budget \$ 118,092,608.00 - 8 in favor

This Resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Charter.

DATED: May 25, 2017

VOTED: 8 (No)

UNANIMOUS 8 for 118,092,608.00

YES 8 NO -

ABSTAIN -

ABSENT 1

A True Record Attest:

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Charles River Pollution Control Assessment

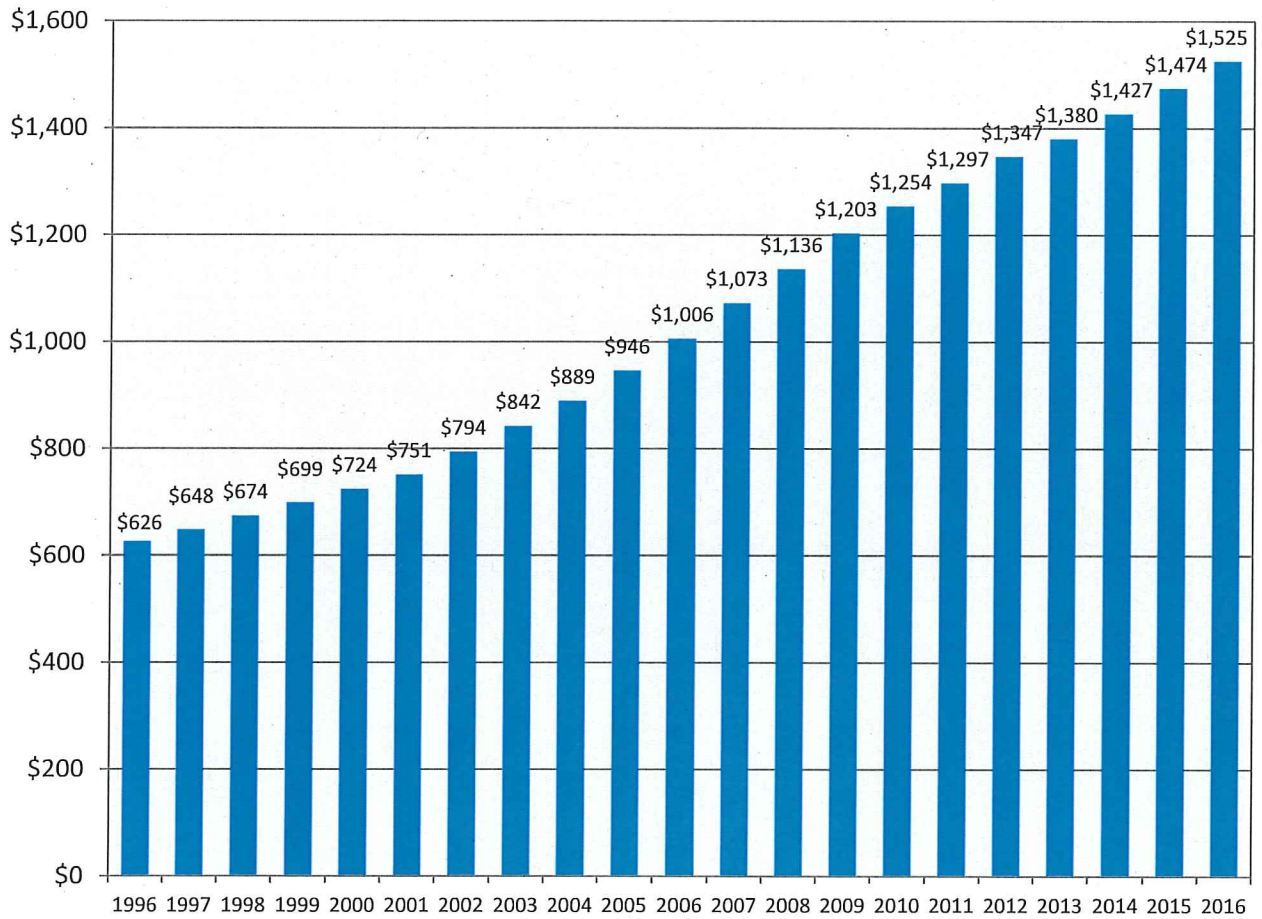
Year	amount	growth
FY 14	2,158,040	-
FY 15	2,272,730	114,690
FY 16	2,943,810	671,080
FY 17	3,593,880	650,070
FY 18	3,651,680	57,800

growth over 4 years \$ 1,493,640
59%

Combined Annual Water & Sewer Charges in MWRA Communities

1996 – 2016

(Consumption at 120 HCF ≈ 90 kgal)



OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 2018
TO: Town Council
FROM: Jeffrey D. Nutting, Town Administrator
Jamie Hellen, Deputy Town Administrator
RE: Sewer Rate Increase

We are requesting a sewer rate increase effective June 30, 2018. The last increase was in 2013.

The requested sewer rate increase is 10% for FY 19 and 10% in FY 20. The requested increase will raise about \$1,000,000. The proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed <u>FY 19</u>	Proposed <u>FY 20</u>
0-15 CCF (a 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons)	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$6.05
16-40 CCF	\$5.30	\$5.85	\$6.45
41+ CCF	\$6.10	\$6.70	\$7.40
Homes with sewer only	\$150 per quarter	\$165 per quarter	\$183 per quarter

Currently our annual operating budget is being balanced by using retained earnings. (funds left over at the end of the fiscal year). Currently we have \$900,000 in the fund but we have already committed \$400,000 to balance the FY 18 sewer budget. This means the fund balance could be down to \$500,000 and we will need to commit another \$400,000 this year leaving very little in the account.

If we do not increase the rate the fund balance will go negative and it will be deducted from our Free Cash. Further we are unable to make capital improvements at this time without a rate increase.

The big driver of the problem is the nearly \$1,500,000 increase in our assessment from the Charles River Pollution Control District for the capital improvements to the Sewer Plant.

Accordingly if we increase the rate by 20% over the next two years it should produce about \$1,000,000 in revenue. About ½ of this will go to balance the FY 19 budget and the remaining to help with ongoing capital improvements in FY 20.

I believe this rate increase should last about 5 years unless the town starts on the replacement of the Beaver Street Interceptor. This will take many years and when the time comes will require another rate increase.

The average bill will increase by approximately \$40 in each of the next two years. We do have a tiered system so a smaller user will pay less and a larger user more.

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.