

WATER RATE POLICY TOWN OF PITTSFORD

1. Billings for construction, operation and maintenance of the Town of Pittsford Water System shall be divided into two categories, as follows and as applicable:

A. BOND CHARGE

1. Each property connected to the Town water system shall share proportionately in the cost of the repayment of the Water System's debt. The Water & Sewer Commission ("Commission") shall assign each property a respective number of ERU's (equivalent residential units), generally relating to the property's calculated maximum daily water consumption using Appendix A, Table 5 of the Vermont Water Supply Rule, or the property's assigned sewer units from the Town, whichever appears to more fairly represent the potential maximum daily water demand for the specific use of the property.
2. In general, a single family living unit (single family house, mobile home, apartment) shall be considered 1 ERU, regardless of population and shall generate a bond charge of \$79.50 each six-month billing cycle.
3. For public buildings, the Selectboard may accept the basis of maximum daily water consumption provided in the Agency of Natural Resources, Public Building Permit for the building.
4. If a landowner feels that he/she has been assigned an incorrect number of ERU's, the landowner may appeal to the Commission, presenting such evidence as the Commission indicates may be necessary for it to consider the appeal. The appeal and the Commission's decision shall be made at a regular or specially warned meeting, shall be in writing and shall include the technical basis for the decision.

B. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEM

1. Each property connected to the Town water system shall share proportionately in the cost of operation and maintenance of water system.
 - a. **BASE CHARGE** The billing rate for operation and maintenance shall be a flat cost ("base charge") for the first 6,000 gallons of usage during a six-month billing cycle. This charge will be \$37.50 per ERU.
 - b. **METERED WATER CHARGE** After the customer has used its base allotment of water (6,000 gallons per ERU per six-month billing cycle), the customer will pay \$5.50 per thousand gallons beyond the base allotment.
2. Individual water meters shall be used as the basis to determine actual water usage. All customers are required to have water meters, located so as to measure total water consumption on the property of water supplied by

the Town water system. The only exception to this requirement shall be for those locations where a meter may not practicably be installed, given the area's physical limitations (available space, fragile plumbing, etc.), which customers will pay a fixed amount equating for an assumed average water consumption amount. Water for sprinkler systems will not be metered.

- 3. Operations and maintenance costs shall be annually budgeted by the Select Board.
- 4. The operating budget may include amounts to be transferred into a capital reserve fund and/or vehicle replacement fund, as approved by the Water & Sewer Commission and the Select Board.

ADOPTION and EFFECTIVE DATE:

These Water Rate Policies were adopted and made effective by a majority vote of the Town of Pittsford Water & Sewer Commission at a meeting held on _____, 2015.

Those voting in favor:

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