

**Notice of Proposed Rate Increase
To Customers of the
Old Town Water District**

The Old Town Water District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Town Public Library located at 46 Middle Street, to discuss and receive comments on a proposed rate increase being filed with the Maine Public Utilities Commission to be effective July 1, 2018.

The total annual increase requested is \$238,959 which represents an increase of 16.00% over current rates. The dollar amount and percentage rate increase by customer class is as follows:

Metered accounts:

Residential and commercial	\$176,177	18.0324%
Industrial	4,508	18.0324%
Public fire protection charges	55,367	11.9230%
Private fire protection charges	<u>2,908</u>	18.0324%
	\$238,959	

Public Fire Protection rates are determined pursuant to Chapter 690 of the Public Utilities Commission Rules. The District is proposing to increase utility rates to cover increases in debt service from water main replacement projects. The District's last rate increase of 2.00% occurred on July 1, 2017.

Pursuant to regulation 35-A-M.R.S.A. section 6104, any customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the Water District, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to seek assistance from the Public Advocate's office. Customers also have the right to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate rates pursuant to section if, on or before

June 7, 2018, 15 percent or more of the customers of the district file with the Water District and with the PUC a petition or petitions demanding a review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Petition signatures are not valid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. The District will provide petition forms upon request. Additional information may be obtained from the PUC by calling (207) 287-3831 State House Station 18, Augusta, Maine 04333, or from the Public Advocate at (207) 287-2445 State House Station 112, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Copies of the material supporting this rate request are available at the Old Town Water District Office. Please call (207-827-2145).