



Town of Fishkill
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RE: Rombout Sewer Out-of-District Users
Rombout Water Out-of-District Users

Dear Resident:

This notice is to inform you about a change to your water and sewer bill. Since 2012, the Town has worked to analyze all of the Town's operations to ensure rates and fees are set to fair and sustainable levels. Our examination has uncovered that the Capital Debt Reduction fee for out-of-district users in both Rombout Water and Rombout Sewer districts were incorrect.

Background

All water and sewer districts in the Town are comprised of two components. One component consists of buildings, pipes, pumps, etc., or "Capital Infrastructure." The other component is the flows through the pipes or "consumption." For residents in a water or sewer district, charges for infrastructure are paid through Special District taxes. The charges for consumption are invoiced in a quarterly water bill.

Some residents have the use of water or sewer facilities but do not pay a Special District tax. These residents are considered "out-of-district" tenants of the district. Instead of paying the Special District Tax, out-of-district tenants pay for the infrastructure costs through a "Capital Debt Reduction Fee" which is invoiced on the quarterly bill. Both the Capital Debt Reduction fee and the special district tax are based on a Benefit Unit formulation. A single family house is typically rated at ten benefit units.

Effect

As an out-of-district user in either the Rombout Sewer District or Rombout Water District (or both), you are subject to this additional quarterly charge. The previous Capital Debt Reduction fee for 10 benefit units for Rombout Water district was \$32.22 and the previous Capital Debt Reduction Fee for 10 benefit units for Rombout Sewer district was \$16.36.

To make the rates equitable for both in-district and out-of-district tenants of the Rombout Sewer District, the Town Board has increased the Capital Debt Reduction Fee from \$16.36 per quarter for 10 benefit units to \$78.32 per quarter. However, as a result of this review, the Capital Debt Reduction Fee for Rombout Water District has decreased from \$32.22 per quarter for 10 benefit units to \$10.56 per quarter. These changes are effective on the 2nd Quarter 2015 water/sewer billings. Again, this rate adjustment will bring you to parity with those in-district customers who pay additional special district taxes for Rombout Water and/or Rombout Sewer.

	Rombout Water	Rombout Sewer
Old Rate	\$ 32.22	\$ 16.36
New Rate	\$ 10.56	\$ 78.32

Your quarterly usage fee, based upon metered consumption, is charged at the prevailing district rate as though your property is located within the boundaries of the district.

The Town continues to review and evaluate all of our fees for services on a regular basis in order to continue to deliver high quality service to our residents. If you should have further questions or concerns, please contact our Water/Sewer Department at 831-7800 ext. 3314.