

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2004 the Philadelphia Water Department filed five proposed regulations with the Department of Records to increase Water and Sewer (Wastewater) Rates and Charges. The proposed regulations are as follows:

- General Service Water Rates (Sections 301.0, *et seq.*);
- General Service Sewer Rates (Sections 302.0, *et seq.*);
- Miscellaneous Water Charges (Sections 303.0, *et seq.*);
- Miscellaneous Sewer Charges (Sections 304.0, *et seq.*); and
- General Fire Service Rates (Sections 308.0, *et seq.*).

The proposed General Service Water Regulation and the proposed General Service Sewer Regulation provide for a four-phase rate increase. The first phase is to become effective July 1, 2004. The second, third, and fourth phase will be consecutively implemented on July 1 of the three following years. The effect of the proposed increase on a typical residential water and sewer customer would be as follows:

Effective Date	Percentage Increase
July 1, 2004	9.7%
July 1, 2005	9.7%
July 1, 2006	8.5%
July 1, 2007	9.4%

Copies of the proposed regulations and supporting data may be examined at the Department of Records at Room 158 City Hall, as well as at the following locations:

- Philadelphia Water Dept., ARAMARK Tower, 1101 Market Street, 3rd Floor
(Call 215-685-6300)
- Water Revenue Bureau, Municipal Services Bldg., 15th & JFK Blvd., Room 200
(Call 215-686-6880)
- Central Library – 19th and Vine Streets
- West Philadelphia Regional Library – 125 South 52nd Street
- Northwest Regional Library – 68 West Cheltenham Avenue
- Northeast Regional Library – 2228 Cottman Avenue

Interested parties may request a hearing on the proposed regulations by writing to the Department of Records, Room 158 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107 by March 28, 2004.

As of this notice, an independent hearing officer and a public advocate have not been appointed yet. As soon as these appointments are made, the Water Department will publish their names and contact numbers. In the meantime, anyone who needs further information, or has questions concerning the proposed rate change, may call Laura Copeland at the Philadelphia Water Department at 215-685-6019.

