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**My opinion for the March 22,2023 meetings and Hearings of the water rates increase. I understand it takes money to keep the water clean and keep up on the cities maintained and water systems to run smoothly.**

Why raise the water rates every year? People have to be able to pay their "own water bill! Working class people, people such as myself work and own a home and live by myself. I have to pay mortgage and all the utilities myself! It is good to have programs for people that cannot pay their water bill and need help. But I say don't run a lot of water if you cannot pay for it! When it is several people living in the home especially families with small children. You have to teach them not to have the water running from the faucet unnecessary. The Water Department does have information of ways to help save water. If there's a drip somewhere from a faucet or toilet get it repaired so that doesn't increase the water bill. Also outside pipes in the ground is responsibility of the home owner but you don't know if it is a problem unless the city reports a water main break on the street. At that the time find out you have a crack in your pipe to your house!

Water rates increases for what it looks like since 2016 and most likely years back! Such as \*Oct. 1,2020-66.73 to Sept. 1,2021+3.69% came out to \$69.15. water usage x45.99+0.69/1,000cf tap rider surcharges. Sewer usage including \$16.85 \$32.61++1.09/1,000cf service charge for 5/8'meter \$12.10

Then  
for a 6.5% increase for \*Sept. 1,2021-69.15 to Sept. 1,2022 \$73.62 storm water charge \$16.86 Back  
in 2016:

July 1, 2016 6.2% \$4.20 \$71.60 July 1, 2017 5.5% \$3.90  
\$75.50

One thing is important is to have clean water for drinking from the tap, cooking, and bathing and cleaning. The water be check for impurities often as monthly of lead all the chemicals not supposed to be in it especially forever chemicals.