

**Wilton Water Department  
Legal Notice**

The Wilton Water Department gives notice to the public that on **May 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Cushing School, 21 Cushing Drive, Wilton, Maine**, the trustees of the Wilton Water Department will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate increase.

	Effective on July 1, 2019		Effective on July 1, 2020	
	% Revenue Increase	\$ Revenue Increase	% Revenue Increase	\$ Revenue Increase
Residential	19.00%	\$39,753.00	16.54%	\$41,180.00
Commercial	19.00%	\$ 5,892.00	16.54%	\$ 6,103.00
Industrial	19.00%	\$ 1,826.00	16.54%	\$ 1,891.00
Public Authorities	19.00%	994.00	16.54%	\$ 1,029.00
Private Fire Protection	19.00%	\$ 3,420.00	16.54%	\$ 3,543.00
Public Fire Protection	11.00%	\$15,892.00	8.95%	\$14,348.00
Other Revenues	<u>(29.45%)</u>	<u>(\$10,438.00)</u>	15.75%	\$ 3,937.00
Overall Increase	12.65%	\$57,339.00	14.11%	\$72,031.00

Public Fire protection rates are determined pursuant to Chapter 69 of the Public Utilities Commission Rules.

Rates have not been adjusted since 1993, and over the last twenty five years the Department has been incurring continuous increases in operating and maintenance costs. The new rates are proposed in two step effective dates of July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section (6104), a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the Department, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right under 35-A MRSA Section (6104) to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate the Department's rates pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section 310, if, on or before **June 6, 2019**, 136 (one hundred and thirty-six) of the Department's customers (15% of customers or 1000 customers, whichever is less) file with the Wilton Water Department Utility Clerk and with the Public Utilities Commission, c/o Administrative Director, State House Station #18, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request the Department will provide customers with petition forms that include space for the signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers.

A copy of material supporting the proposed rate changes will be available at the Wilton Town Office for inspection on and after **April 5, 2019**. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may call Heinz Grossman, Wilton Water Department Superintendent, at 207-645-3682, or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207) 287-3831. For additional assistance, contact the Public Advocate, State House Station #112, Augusta, ME 04333-0112, (207) 624-3687.

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