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### ***WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE NOTICE***

Effective July 1, 2023 the water and sewer rates will increase.

The new water rate for 2023 will increase from \$10.15 to \$10.56 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$31.68 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 15,000 gallons per quarter, the water bill will increase from \$152.00 to \$158.00 per quarter. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

The new sewer rate for 2023 will increase from \$23.30 to \$24.24 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$72.72 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 15,000 gallons per quarter, the sewer bill will increase from \$349.00 to \$364.00 per quarter. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

#### REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASE:

- The City of Fitchburg increased sewer collection charges to Westminister and its customers by 7.0%. This increase is for continued upgrades to Fitchburg's wastewater treatment plant and sewer collection system in order to comply with EPA regulations.
- Increased operating costs and capital improvements to the aging water system and treatment plant.
- Adequate reserves for emergency repairs and system/capital upgrades need to be maintained.