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WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Effective July 1, 2018 water and sewer rates will increase.

The new water rate for 2018 will increase from \$9.47 to \$9.75 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$29.26 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 \$142.00 to \$146.00 per quarter. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

The new sewer rate for 2018 will increase from \$17.17 to \$18.54 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$55.62 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 \$258.00 to \$278.00 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 8%. This increase is for continued upgrades to Fitchburg's wastewater treatment plant and sewer collection system in order to comply with EPA regulations.
- Operating expenses have increased.
- Adequate reserves for emergency repairs and system upgrades need to be maintained.