



**VILLAGE OF JOHNSON
WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

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Dear Customers,

At their last board meeting, the Village trustees approved an increase of 4.9% to the water rate, and 1.9% to the sewer rate. The Combination of the costs and effects of the >500 year flood in July 2023; including reduced users due to the flood, and inflation causing the costs of goods, services, labor, healthcare, etc. to increase, left the board no choice but to increase rates to cover expenses.

The trustees have worked hard to cut costs, improve efficiency, and keep increases to a minimum as they are well aware of the economic conditions, but these increases are necessary. The customer using an average of 3000 gallons per month can expect a total increase for combined water and sewer bills of approximately \$2.99 per month, that's less than 10 cents per day.

The new rates will become effective for the April billing period (March usage).

Respectfully,

Erik Bailey

Cc:

Village Trustees

Rosemary Audibert, Clerk/Treasurer

Marla Emery, Utilities Accountant

Nathan Brigham, Water & Light Foreman

Dan Copp, Chief Operator