



# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Records Commissioner  
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Re: Formal Notice of Proposed Changes in Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates and Related Charges (FY 2026 and FY 2027)

The enclosed rate filing is submitted on behalf of the Philadelphia Water Department (“Department” or “PWD”) in support of its Formal Notice of proposed changes in rates and charges for water, wastewater (sanitary sewer) and stormwater services (“Formal Notice”) consistent with (i) Section 5-801 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter (“Charter”), (ii) Section 13-101 of The Philadelphia Code (“Code”), and (iii) the Regulations of the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board (“Rate Board” or “Board”).

The Formal Notice filing is provided via the enclosed USB flash drive and is available at the Dropbox website below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/bi5mgs0uedgoe2iwhljmc/AH21fdQ0oWjnbsAM03zj7N8?rlkey=enocgukg2tyx9t5f09gq11a7d&st=ha415kgo&dl=0>.

No password is needed to access the above website.

The aforesaid filing will also be made available at the Rate Board’s website: <https://www.phila.gov/departments/water-sewer-storm-water-rate-board/rate-proceedings/>. Once the rate filing is available on the Rate Board’s website, the Dropbox website will not be needed and will expire.

The Formal Notice filing includes the proposed rates and charges, which are subject to review and authorization by the Rate Board.<sup>1</sup> The Board will schedule public hearings on the proposed rates and charges, as required by Section 13-101(3)(f) of the Code.

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<sup>1</sup> The proposed rates and charges are set forth in PWD Exhibit 3A through 3D of the rate filing. These proposed rates and charges will be fully vetted as part of the rate process before the Rate Board.

This submission is the Formal Notice required to be filed with the Department of Records pursuant to Section 13-101 (7)-(8) of the Code and Section II.A.2(b) of the Rate Board's regulations. Included with this submission are various statements and exhibits from the Advance Notice (identified in the attached Filing Index) that will be proffered for inclusion in the record during hearings before the Rate Board. Also attached is the Statement of Changes from the Advance Notice filed with City Council and the Rate Board on February 18, 2025, as well as copies of the changed documents identified therein. Finally, attached please find the memorandum from the Law Department approving this Formal Notice and the accompanying documents as to form.

Please make the above documentation, together with the Department's proposed changes in rates and charges, available for inspection consistent with the aforesaid legal requirements and arrange for advertising in accordance with Section 8-407 of the Charter and Section 21-1703 of the Code. Text for the public notice to be published in the newspapers is attached. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy E. Hayman".

Randy E. Hayman, Esq.  
Water Commissioner

cc: Rate Board  
The Public Advocate and all Participants in the 2023 Rate Proceedings (w/ enc.)