

Harpers Ferry Water Works

Water News

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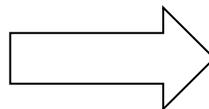


NOTICE
Corporation of Harpers Ferry

Notice is hereby given that the Corporation of Harpers Ferry, a municipal corporation, will hold a hearing before the final vote on a proposed ordinance, the principal object of which is the increase of water rates for customers of the water system operated by the Corporation of Harpers Ferry. The title of such ordinance is “An Ordinance for increases to Schedule of Water Rates.”

A public hearing will be held at Camp Hill located at 601 Washington Street Harpers Ferry on April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The final vote on adoption of said proposed ordinance shall be held at the Harpers Ferry Town Hall located at 1000 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, on April 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Interested parties may appear and be heard at such times with respect to the passage of the proposed ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Water Department located at Harpers Ferry Town Hall during normal business hours.

Please turn over for further information.



WATER RATE INCREASE INFORMATION

The Harpers Ferry Water Commission held a public meeting on March 13, 2024, at the Bolivar Community Center regarding the proposed rate increase. The presentation can be found at the Harpers Ferry Water Works webpage at, <https://www.harpersferrywv.us/water.htm>, then scroll down to *Water Rate Increase Presentation.*****

The questions below were the most frequently asked questions at that meeting. You will find answers to these at the above website, then scroll down to *FAQ from March 13, 2024, Presentation.*****

Question #1: Why are you replacing the water meters, shouldn't you use those funds to replace more of the leaky pipes in the Harpers Ferry Water Works (HFWW) distribution system?

Question #2: What is driving the increase in water rates?

Question #3: Does Corporation of Harpers Ferry (CHF) pursue all potential funding sources to deal with our infrastructure problems while mitigating the need for rate increases? When pursuing opportunities, do we use appropriate demographic data on our applications?

Question #4: What did the \$6.5 million loan for a new water plant and distribution system buy us? Where will the increase in the revenue from the 30% rate increase be spent? In both, the basic question is: Where has the money gone and where will it go?

Anyone interested in more detail with respect to any of the elements described above, please refer to the presentation listed above and feel free to contact any member of the Water Commission via Cathy Spalding, the HFWW water clerk. Cathy can be reached at cspalding@harpersferrywv.us.