Fairfax Water

NOTICE OF WATER RATE AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

December 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2026, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2027, include the following:

- An increase in the Availability Charge from $5,090 to $5,370*.
- An increase in the Service Connection Charge from $1,960 to $2,050*.
- An increase in the Account Charge from $50 to $51.
- An increase in the Quarterly Service Charge from $17.55 to $26.00*.
- An increase in the base Commodity Charge from $4.35 to $4.61 per 1,000 gallons of water.
- An increase in the Peak Use Charge from $4.20 to $4.45.
- An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from $61 to $62.
- An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
- An increase in the Overhead Charges for Labor from 104% to 106% and a decrease for Materials from 14% to 13%.
- An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge Inspection Fee from $48 to $49.
- An increase in the After Hours Service Restoration Charge from $58 to $60.
- New proposed rate: Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Non-Compliance Charge ranging from $150 to $2,400.

**Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.*

Fairfax Water is also proposing a $281 million budget for calendar year 2027.[1] Water sales are expected to provide $249 million and the remaining $32 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

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Category	**2026**	**2027**
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	$ 78,983	$ 86,354
Power and Utilities	14,759	17,200
Chemicals	14,476	15,410
Purchased Water	10,622	9,625
Supplies and Materials	8,315	9,038
Insurance	1,402	1,285
Fuel	849	915
Postage	650	700
Contractual Services	16,877	18,630
Professional Services	2,421	2,221
Other	3,220	3,293
Sub-Total	152,574	164,671
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(12,104)	(12,632)
Total	**$ 140,470**	**$ 152,039**

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	$52,802,485
Improvement Fund	$11,000,000
General Fund	$63,691,000

[1] *Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.*

Visit **fairfaxwater.org/rates** to view a copy of the proposed changes.

Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Jessica Love at 703-289-6029. Interested parties may submit written comments to **PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org** or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
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All written comments must be received by close of business on **Wednesday, December 9, 2026** to be included in the record of the public hearing.