

# Southwest Harbor Water & Sewer District Public Notice

The Southwest Harbor Water & Sewer District Water Division will be filing a revised rate schedule with the Maine Public Utilities Commission, to be effective July 1, 2026. The filing is made under provisions of 35-A-M.R.S.A. Section 6104. The docket number for the filing is 2026-00041.

Present rates were effective April 1, 2025. Operating costs continue to increase for the Water Division. To continue properly maintaining its infrastructure system and paying its debt service obligations, the Water Division is proposing an overall revenue increase of \$108,100 as shown below:

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| Residential             | \$ 35,000        | 10% |
| Commercial              | \$ 12,500        | 10% |
| Public Authorities      | \$ 3,500         | 10% |
| Public Fire Protection  | \$ 52,500        | 26% |
| Private Fire Protection | \$ 3,600         | 10% |
| Miscellaneous Revenue   | <u>\$ 1,000</u>  | 10% |
|                         | <u>\$108,100</u> | 14% |

Public Utilities Commission Chapter 69 governs the public fire protection increase. In accordance with Chapter 69, the public fire protection revenue is set at 30% of total operating revenue.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Southwest Harbor Fire Station located at 250 Main Street at which time complete details will be furnished in support of the increase.

You may inspect data relating to the present and proposed rates at the Southwest Harbor Town Office, located at 26 Village Green Way, before the hearing. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may contact the District at (207)-244-3948, PO Box 1100, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. You have the right to an open and fair hearing and the right to further hearings before the Commission. The Public Advocate is available to assist you in this matter upon request. The Public Utilities Commission may be contacted at (207)-287-3831, 18 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, or the Public Advocate at (207)-624-3687, 112 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

If, within 30 days of the public hearing, 15% of the customers of the District file with the District and the Commission petitions demanding a review of the rate changes by the Commission, the rate change may be suspended, investigated, reviewed, and changed in accordance with Section 310. Signatures on the petition are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and address of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with the appropriate petition forms.