

Learn more about the proposed water rate changes for 2019

Background: At the request of the Prudential Committee of the Cotuit Fire District, the Cotuit Water Commission authorized a study in 2018 by its consulting engineers Tata & Howard to examine making the Water Department more reliant on revenues from water use (ratepayer' base fees and use rates) and less on District taxes. The study found that Cotuit's rates are well below those of comparable districts and towns on the Cape.

The Water Commission is proposing **an increase** in base fees and use for Cotuit homeowners and other water users, beginning July 1, 2019. The goal is to make the Water Department more self-sufficient for its capital and operational costs. This proposal **may** include consideration for cases of financial hardship, **and phased-in schedule**.

We are providing a series of informational sessions and materials to explain the proposal. **See reverse side of this card for details.**

- **For more about the proposed water rate proposal:**
[www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/news-announcements/2019 Rate proposal](http://www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/news-announcements/2019%20Rate%20proposal)
- **Facebook page: Cotuit Water Department**
- **Email: cotuitwd@verizon.net**
(request "2019 Rate Proposal" materials)
- **Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association - public workshop:**
Freedom Hall, April 16th, 7:30 pm (to be filmed)
- **Water Commission meetings:**
Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19
- **YouTube channel (available after April workshop):**
"Cotuit Water Department"
- **Cotuit Fire District Annual Meeting:**
May 29, 2019; Water Comm. report