

Public Hearing Notice

The Board of Trustees for the Berwick Sewer District will hold a **Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, at the Berwick Sewer District’s office at 39 Powerhouse Road in Berwick, Maine 03901. The purpose of the Hearing will be to consider increasing the annual Sewer User Rate from \$640 to \$660, a 3.12% increase, and an increase for connecting an Equivalent Dwelling Unit to the System, or Equity Buy-in Fee, from \$1,634 to \$1,642/Unit.

Administrators Note:

User Rate Increase: The Board of Trustees have decided to put forward the same annual **User Rate** increase of **\$20 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit** per year. Quarterly billing for a residence will increase by \$5, or from \$160 to \$165 per quarter. The minimal increase will be nearly, if not completely, consumed by our expected increase in operation and maintenance expenses.

Equity Buy-In Fee: The **Equity Buy-In Fee** is a one-time fee charge to a property owner to connect the Equivalent of one Dwelling Unit (an average household discharge) to the District’s collection and treatment system. The fee is regarded as a new user’s share in the District’s asset value and set aside in a restricted account for qualifying and necessary capital expenses. This Fee was adopted in 2019, and the increase reflects an increase in the District’s Net asset value, represented in the District’s 2023 Financial Audit.

BERWICK SEWER DISTRICT PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE: To be Effective 1/1/2025

ANNUAL SEWER USER RATE PER EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT		FEE
Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) (One Residential Unit)	Annual Sewer User Fee billed on a quarterly basis	\$640 \$660

DISTRICT FEES/NEW CONNECTION OR NEW USE	DESCRIPTION	FEE
System Development Charge (one-time) (aka Equity Buy-In)	One-time fee, reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees, based on Districts net asset value and treatment capacity.	\$1,634/EDU \$1,642/EDU
Connection Fee (one time) minimum fee	Connection to the District Sewer (time and materials).	\$250
add	Work above 2 hours will be billed at this rate.	\$50/hour
Inspection Fee (per visit)	Inspection fee per visit	\$50

READINESS TO SERVE	FEE
A readiness to serve charge equal to Sewer Service Charge is assigned to all habitable dwellings or buildings intended for business, industrial, or recreational use including new buildings, apartments, or sections on attaining 80% completion.	\$640 \$660

SPECIAL DISCHARGES	FEE
Septage	\$0.09/Gallon
Grease/Special Waste	Contact District Staff
Holding Tank	\$0.035/Gallon