

## MDC STATEMENT ON PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET

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 For Immediate Release

**(HARTFORD, CT)** – In response to an article about the Metropolitan District (MDC) that appeared in the November 22 edition of the Hartford Courant, the MDC released the following statement and summary on the proposed 2020 budget and water rates. “The MDC takes our responsibility to provide high quality drinking water and sewer services very seriously, while being mindful of the affordability of our customers and want to clarify our proposed budget and rates for 2020.”

### Overall Budget

The proposed 2020 overall combined water and sewer budget is proposed to increase by 4.3%

### Water Bill

Although the *Water Use Charge* is proposed to increase by about 14%, it is important to understand that the *overall* water bill for member town customers is proposed to increase by about 6% and what that means to MDC customers in actual dollars. A typical member town customer water bill would increase about \$5.25 per month or \$63 per year. The MDC’s 2020 proposed water rate is lower than the current rates for every other large water company in Connecticut. (note: a CCF = 748 gallons of water)

<b>Member Charges</b>	<b>CCFs</b>	<b>2019 Rates</b>	<b>2019 Billing</b>	<b>2020 Rates</b>	<b>2020 Billing</b>	<b>Change</b>
Water Use Charge	100	\$ 3.50	\$ 350.00	\$ 4.01	\$ 401.00	14.57%
CWP	100	\$ 4.10	\$ 410.00	\$ 4.10	\$ 410.00	0.00%
Water CSC		\$ 14.98	\$ 179.76	\$ 14.98	\$ 179.76	0.00%
Sewer CSC		\$ 6.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 84.00	16.67%
Total Bill			\$ 1,011.76		\$ 1,074.76	
Annual Change					\$ <b>63.00</b>	<b>6.23%</b>

The majority of the 14% *water use charge* increase is due to declining revenues as water consumption continues to decrease. Additionally, it is important to note that the Clean Water Project (CWP) charge, which pays for the debt service on the over \$2 billion state and federal mandate to mitigate sewer overflows, is costing the typical MDC member town customer about \$410 a year on their water bill. No other water or sewer company in Connecticut or of a similar size in New England has such a requirement.

The CWP charge (based on water usage like the water use charge) began to increase significantly in the last few years to pay for the project and as a result, has contributed to MDC customers using less water.

*About MDC:* The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.