

Order of the Bar Harbor Town Council

NUMBER: 2026-01-01

TITLE: ORDER, SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER USER RATE
INCREASE

DISPOSITION: PASSED

Filed December 29, 2025

WHEREAS, the Town's water rates have not been increased since January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town has engaged Olver Associates, who has been consulting with the Public Works Director, Water Interim Superintendent, Finance Director and Water Business Analyst to perform a rate case study to present to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 2025-2026 Town Council goal to adjust fee structures to be more consumption-based, the Town is proposing an increase on minimum rates, including residential, commercial, governmental, industrial, and seasonal customers, and an increase on minimum overages effective on April 1, 2026 billing; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine statutory process includes a public hearing, notification to Maine Public Utilities Commission, notice to all water customers, then a final filing with the Maine PUC for approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Bar Harbor Town Council will hold a public hearing on February 17, 2026, for the Water rate increase.