

On February 17, 2026 the Bar Harbor Town Council adopted the following amendment to the Municipal Code, contingent on approval by the Maine Public Utilities Commission of the town's rate case. The amendment takes effect March 25, 2026. A copy has been filed with the Town Clerk.

Water Ordinance Amendment

Town of Bar Harbor

#2026-01

An Ordinance Amendment to adjust water rate structure and rates.

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 201, Water, of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.
Subsections shall be re-numbered where appropriate.]

Chapter 201, Water

§ 201-12. Water rates.

- A. Rates adopted. Effective with the approval of the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the following rates are hereby established, unless otherwise approved by the PUC:
- B. Quarterly ~~and monthly~~ rates for water to 5/8-inch metered annual consumers:
 - (1) Quarterly rate:
 - (a) For the first 1,200 cubic feet per quarter: ~~\$76.17~~ \$102.83 per quarter.
 - (b) For the next 10,800 cubic feet per quarter: ~~\$4.42~~ \$5.97 per 100 cubic feet.
 - (c) ~~For the next 78,000 cubic feet per quarter: \$2.07 per 100 cubic feet.~~
 - (d) For all in excess of ~~90,000~~ 12,000 cubic feet per quarter: ~~\$1.35~~ \$4.18 per 100 cubic feet.
 - (2) ~~Monthly rate:~~
 - (a) ~~For the first 400 cubic feet per month: \$25.39 per month.~~
 - (b) ~~For the next 3,600 cubic feet per month: \$4.42 per 100 cubic feet.~~
 - (c) ~~For the next 26,000 cubic feet per month: \$2.07 per 100 cubic feet.~~
 - (d) ~~For all in excess of 30,000 cubic feet per month: \$1.35 per 100 cubic feet.~~
 - (3) Minimum charges:

Water Allowance (cubic feet)

Minimum Charge

Meter Size (inches)	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly (Calculation)
5/8	1,200	400	\$76.17 <u>\$102.83</u>	\$25.39 <u>\$34.28</u>
3/4	1,800	600	\$102.69 <u>\$138.63</u>	\$34.23 <u>\$46.21</u>
1	3,000	1,000	\$155.73 <u>\$210.24</u>	\$51.91 <u>\$70.08</u>
1 1/2	6,000	2,000	\$288.33 <u>\$389.25</u>	\$96.11 <u>\$129.75</u>
2	9,600	3,200	\$447.45 <u>\$604.06</u>	\$149.15 <u>\$201.35</u>
3	18,000	6,000	\$677.72 <u>\$914.92</u>	\$225.91 <u>\$304.97</u>
4	30,000	10,000	\$926.13 <u>\$1,250.28</u>	\$308.71 <u>\$416.76</u>
6	60,000	20,000	\$1,547.13 <u>\$2,088.63</u>	\$515.71 <u>\$696.21</u>

(4) Seasonal rates for 5/8-inch metered seasonal consumers:

(a) Seasonal rate:

- [1] For the first 1,600 cubic feet per season: ~~\$201.63~~ \$272.20 per season.
- [2] For the next 10,400 cubic feet per season: ~~\$8.87~~ \$11.97 per 100 cubic feet.
- [3] ~~For the next 78,000 cubic feet per season: \$4.13 per 100 cubic feet.~~
- [4] ~~For the next 300,000 cubic feet per season: \$2.07 per 100 cubic feet.~~
- [5] For all in excess of ~~390,000~~ 12,000 cubic feet per season: ~~\$1.58~~ \$8.38 per 100 cubic feet.

(b) Minimum charges:

Meter Size (inches)	Water Allowance (cubic feet)	Minimum Charge
5/8	1,600	\$201.63 <u>\$272.20</u>
3/4	2,400	\$272.66 <u>\$368.09</u>
1	4,000	\$414.73 <u>\$559.89</u>
1 1/2	8,000	\$769.92 <u>\$1,039.39</u>
2	12,800	\$1,158.19 <u>\$1,563.56</u>
3	24,000	\$1,621.47 <u>\$2,188.98</u>
4	40,000	\$2,283.28 <u>\$3,082.43</u>
6	80,000	\$3,937.81 <u>\$5,316.04</u>

(5) Private fire protection:

(a) Availability. This rate is available to customers using the Town water service for private fire protection. The following rates apply to fire protection only and include no allowance for water for other than for fire-fighting purposes.

(b) Rates.

[1] Each private hydrant furnished, installed and maintained by the user for private protection shall be charged for per year: ~~\$1,362~~ \$1,838.70.

[2] Private fire service rate for automatic sprinklers, standpipes or hose connections to be used only for fire protection inside buildings: a charge per inch of service pipe diameter of ~~\$170~~ \$229.50 per year.

(6) Public fire protection:

(a) Availability. This rate is available to the Town of Bar Harbor for municipal fire protection.

(b) Rates.

[1] For the existing 105 hydrants installed as of ~~January 1, 2016~~ April 1, 2026, a total annual amount of ~~\$585,602~~ \$855,275.

[2] Rates for hydrants installed after the effective date of the PUC order shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 690 of the Public Utilities Commission's Rules and Regulations.

[End of ordinance]