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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### CHESTER WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)

**JULY 16, 2019, 4:PM, COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL, 203 MIDDLESEX AVENUE**

### PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

The Chester WPCA is dedicated to providing a municipal sewer system that protects the public health and supports the vitality of the village center service area.

The draft 2019-2020 budget proposes \$116,400 for operations expenditures, a modest \$1,950 (2%) increase over the 2018-2019 budget. However, higher user fees are necessary to fund these expenditures and pay for incurred extra ordinary costs that have reduced reserve funds used for emergency repairs and easing future year expenditures.

#### Summary of 2018-2019 Extra Ordinary Costs

+ increased discharge volume (gallons) to Deep River treatment facility.....	\$3,463
+ increased emergency contractor call outs.....	\$2,470
+ increased engineering costs for inspections and user compliance notices.....	\$11,114
+ Chester's share for Deep River treatment plant capital improvements.....	\$25,382

*Note: higher usage volumes are caused, in part, by illegal sump pump connections, pipe leakage and storm event flooding.*

*Note: multiple notice of violations with fines totaling \$ 12,878 have been sent to non-compliant users, WPCA intends to recoup these funds.*

#### Proposed Changes to Users Fee Classifications

The WPCA proposes to change from a single user fee classification, all users pay the same rate, to a three-classification billing system. The WPCA believes that classifications based on user impacts to the sewer system will be fairer to all users.

#### 2019-2020 Proposed Classifications and Equivalent Dwelling Units Fee Charges

Residential users.....	\$775
Commercial - Residential Mixed users.....	\$825
Restaurant users*.....	\$925

\*Restaurant use classification pertains to Food Preparation Establishments that use Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Management Equipment approved by the WPCA as defined in Town of Chester Sewer Use and Pollution Control Regulation.