

TOWN OF HARRISON
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

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TO: Richard Dionisio, Supervisor and Members of the Town Board

FROM: Maureen MacKenzie, Comptroller



RE: Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2023

DATE: August 2, 2023

The following request from David Birdsall of the Westchester Joint Water Works requires Town Board approval:

To enact a water rate increase for year 2023 in the amount of 12%.

The rate increase will become effective September 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

Water Rate Increase History

Year	NYC DEP	Town/Village of Harrison
2008	13.0%	10.0%
2009	2.0%	9.0%
2010	25.0%	28.0%
2011	5.6%	9.5%
2012	9.8%	17.0%
2013	12.3%	6.5%
2014	5.1%	0.0%
2015	9.9%	9.0%
2016	0.0%	2.0%
2017	0.0%	0.0%
2018	0.0%	0.0%
2019	9.2%	0.0%
2020	0.0%	0.0%
2021	9.0%	10.0%
2022	1.4%	12.8%
15 Year Average	6.8%	7.6%

Proposed Water Rate Increase

The current level of Town of Harrison water revenues is not sufficient to support escalating costs without a drawdown of surplus. A water rate increase of 12% is recommended (Effective 8/1/2023) to address the following:

- Increasing levels of debt service driven by the water system capital plan (underlying interest rate, supply chain and inflation impacts);
- Increasing operational costs driven by supply chain issues and inflationary pressures;
- Increasing NYC Upstate water rates (Increase effective 7/1/2023 – 6.76%)
- Settlement of Compliance Issues (Both Federal and State)