**2020 Water/Sewer Rates and Projected Increases Northern Virginia’s Primary Providers**

# Alexandria Renew Enterprises (Sewer – City of Alexandria)

Wastewater treatment rate: $8.13/1,000 gallons water usage

Base Charges (a fixed rate based on meter size):

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| Meter Size | Monthly Base Charge (Effective July 1, 2020) |
| 5/8” | $34.63 |
| ¾” | $69.27 |
| 1” | $86.59 |
| 1½” | $173.17 |
| 2” | $277.08 |
| 3” | $519.52 |
| 4” | $865.87 |
| 6” | $1,731.74 |
| 8” | $2,770.79 |

Additional charges:

City Sewer Maintenance Fee: $2.28/1,000 gallons

Alexandria Renew’s rates are set by its Board of Directors for multiyear increments. The AlexRenew Board of Directors approved rate adjustments in 2019 for a two‐year period. New rates went into effect July 1, 2019 for Fiscal Year 2020 and an additional planned rate adjustment of approximately 11% was also scheduled to take effect July 1, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2021. Recognizing the economic stress the pandemic has caused, AlexRenew elected to reduce the planned rate increase to approximately 6.6% for Fiscal Year 2021. However, no specific water or sewer rate increases have yet been projected beyond currently adopted rates. Members are advised to anticipate annual increases in the range of 4-6% generally.

# Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (Water/Sewer – Arlington County)

Water rate: $4.91/1,000 gallons water usage (Effective July 1, 2020)

Wastewater treatment rate: $9.29/1,000 gallons water usage (Effective July 1, 2020)

Water and sewer rates are adopted annually by the Arlington County Board as part of their annual budget deliberations. As such, no water or sewer rate increases are projected beyond currently adopted rates.

In 2019, Arlington County’s Department of Environmental Services (DES) commenced a Water and Wastewater Utility Cost of Service and Rate Design Study. The study, to conclude in late 2020, will help ensure that rate and fee structures are aligned with the County’s financial objectives. The study will be presented to the Arlington County Board in early 2021.

# Fairfax Water (Water/Sewer – Fairfax County, City of Falls Church, City of Fairfax)

Commercial/Multifamily Sewer Base Charge:

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|  |  |  | Base Charges |  | New Rate |
| Meter Size | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
| ¾” | $32.91 | $36.20 | $39.82 | $43.97 | $48.29 |
| 1” | $82.28 | $90.50 | $99.55 | $109.93 | $120.73 |
| 1½” | $164.55 | $181.00 | $199.10 | $219.85 | $241.45 |
| 2” | $263.28 | $289.60 | $318.56 | $351.76 | $386.32 |
| 3” | $493.65 | $543.00 | $597.30 | $659.55 | $724.35 |
| 4” | $822.75 | $905.00 | $995.50 | $1,099.25 | $1,207.25 |
| 6” | $1,645.50 | $1,810.00 | $1,991.00 | $2,198.50 | $2,414.50 |
| 8” | $2,632.80 | $2,896.00 | $3,185.60 | $3,517.60 | $3,863.20 |
| 10” | $3,784.65 | $4,163.00 | $4,579.30 | $5,056.55 | $5,553.35 |

Commercial/Multifamily Sewer Service Charges/1,000 gallons water usage – Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
| $7.28 | $7.64 | $8.02 | $8.28 | $8.56 |

Water rate: $3.20/1,000 gallons water usage

Additional charges effective April 1, 2020

Service Charge (Commercial/Multifamily Residential):

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|  | Meter Size | Service Charge (Quarterly Customers) | Service Charge (Monthly Customers) |
| 5/8” |  | $16.25 | $5.42 |
| ¾” |  | $19.10 | $6.37 |
| 1” |  | $22.45 | $7.48 |
| 1½” |  | $33.35 | $11.12 |
| 2” |  | $43.70 | $14.57 |
| 3” |  | $94.85 | $31.62 |
| 4” |  | $143.55 | $47.85 |
| 6” |  | $253.45 | $84.48 |
| 8” |  | $587.45 | $195.82 |
| 10” |  | $679.50 | $226.50 |

Peak Water Use Charge = $3.85/1,000 gallons water usage exceeding 6,000 gallons more than preceding winter quarter billing period or 1.3 times consumption of preceding winter quarter billing period. Effective April 1, 2020. This is in addition to the Water Usage Charge ($3.20 per 1,000 gallons) which applies to all consumption.

***City of Falls Church***

Sewer Rate: $9.87/1,000 gallons water consumption

Base Sewer Charge: $6.00 for quarterly customers, $2.00 for monthly customers

Additional Charges:

Commercial/Multifamily Water Utility Tax: 8%

Commercial/Multifamily Sewer Utility Tax: 8%

***City of Fairfax***

Commercial Sewer Minimum Charge: $50.59

Commercial Sewer Rate: $8.22/1,000 gallons water consumption beyond the minimum charge

Multifamily Sewer Rate: the greater of $8.22/1,000 gallons water consumption beyond the minimum charge or $33.54 X number of units served

Additional Charges:

Commercial Water Utility Tax: 15% up to a maximum of $500

Multifamily Water Utility Tax: the lesser of 15% or $2.25 X number of units served, not to exceed $500/month

Lateral Repair and Replacement Charge: $4.50 for quarterly residential customers, $3.00 for monthly commercial customers

On May 8, 2019, the City Council passed a motion to increase the rates for wastewater service furnished by the City by 10.0%.

# Service Authority of Prince William County (Water/Sewer – Prince William County)

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|  | Effective January 1, 2020 | Effective January 1, 2021 | Effective January 1, 2022 |
| Commercial  Water Rate | $3.80 | $3.90 | $4.00 |
| Commercial  Sewer Rate | $7.25 | $7.45 | $7.65 |
| Commercial High Demand I Charge | $3.10 | $3.60 | $3.60 |
| Commercial High Demand II Charge | $3.40 | $3.60 | $3.60 |

Commercial High Demand I Charge: Per 1,000 gallons water usage (Applies only to customers with water service only or submetered service, applies to consumption beyond 10,000 gallons for 5/8” or ¾” meter assigned 1 equivalent residential unit, 20,000 gallons for 5/8” or ¾” meter assigned 2 equivalent residential units, 40,000 gallons for 1” meters, 70,000 gallons for 1½” meters, 120,000 gallons for 2” meters, varying thresholds for larger meters)

Commercial High Demand II Charge: Per 1,000 gallons water usage (Applies to customers with water service only or sub-metered service and commercial customers with water and sewer services, applies to consumption beyond 23,000 gallons for 5/8” or ¾” meter assigned 1 equivalent residential unit, 45,000 gallons for 5/8” or ¾” meter assigned 2 equivalent residential units, 90,000 gallons for 1” meters, 158,000 gallons for 1½” meters, 270,000 gallons for 2” meters, varying thresholds for larger meters)

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|  | Effective January 1, 2020 | Effective January 1, 2021 | Effective January 1, 2022 |
| Residential  Water Rate | $3.45 | $3.55 | $3.65 |
| Residential  Sewer Rate | $6.65 | $6.85 | $7.05 |
| Residential High Peak I Charge | $3.60 | $3.60 | $3.60 |
| Residential High Peak II Charge | $3.60 | $3.60 | $3.60 |

Residential Peak Use I Charge: Per 1,000 gallons water usage (Applies to water consumption exceeding the greater of 7,000 gallons, 2,000 gallons above consumption for the previous winter average consumption calculated based on consumption between

May 1through October 31 or 1.3 times the preceding winter average consumption.)

Residential Peak Use II Charge: Per 1,000 gallons water usage (Applies to water consumption exceeding the greater of 21,000 gallons or 3 times the preceding winter average consumption.)

Commercial/Multifamily Monthly Fixed Service Charge – Water Base Charge:

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| Meter Size | Effective January 1, 2020 | Effective January 1, 2021 | Effective January 1, 2022 |
| 5/8” or ¾” | $6.85 | $7.55 | $7.95 |
| 1” | $27.45 | $30.25 | $31.75 |
| 1½” | $48.05 | $53.00 | $55.65 |
| 2” | $82.40 | $90.85 | $95.40 |
| 3” | $109.90 | $121.15 | $127.20 |
| 4” | $171.75 | $189.35 | $198.80 |
| 6” | $343.45 | $378.65 | $397.60 |
| 8” | $549.50 | $605.80 | $636.10 |
| 10” | $789.95 | $870.90 | $914.45 |

Commercial/Multifamily Monthly Fixed Service Charge – Sewer Base Charge:

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| Meter Size | Effective January 1, 2020 | Effective January 1, 2021 | Effective January 1, 2022 |
| 5/8” or ¾” | $12.10 | $13.35 | $13.95 |
| 1” | $48.40 | $53.35 | $55.75 |
| 1½” | $84.70 | $93.40 | $97.60 |
| 2” | $145.20 | $160.10 | $167.30 |
| 3” | $196.30 | $216.40 | $226.15 |
| 4” | $302.50 | $333.50 | $348.50 |
| 6” | $604.95 | $666.95 | $696.95 |
| 8” | $967.95 | $1,067.15 | $1,115.15 |
| 10” | N/A | N/A | N/A |

# Loudoun Water (Water/Sewer – Loudoun County)

As of January 1, 2020, commercial and multifamily water and sewer rates is as follows:

Commercial/Multifamily Water Rate: $3.44/1,000 gallons for Tier 1 as determined by capacity purchased, $5.92 for Tier 2 usage Uniform Wastewater Treatment Rate: $5.14/1,000 gallons water usage

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| Meter Size | Water Base Charge  (Effective January 1, 2020) | Sewer Base Charge  (Effective January 1, 2020) |
| 5/8” | $35.84 | $35.81 |
| ¾” | $50.48 | $51.23 |
| 1” | $106.14 | $109.92 |
| 1½” | $167.66 | $174.75 |
| 2” | $270.18 | $282.82 |
| 3” | $445.92 | $468.09 |
| 4” | $738.83 | $776.86 |
| 6” | $1,471.12 | $1,548.79 |

As of January 1, 2021, commercial and multifamily water and sewer rates will increase as follows:

Commercial/Multifamily Water Rate: $3.56/1,000 gallons for Tier 1 as determined by capacity purchased, $6.13 for Tier 2 usage Uniform Wastewater Treatment Rate: $5.32/1,000 gallons water usage

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| Meter Size | Water Base Charge  (Effective January 1, 2021) | Sewer Base Charge  (Effective January 1, 2021) |
| 5/8” | $37.09 | $37.06 |
| ¾” | $52.24 | $53.02 |
| 1” | $109.85 | $113.77 |
| 1½” | $173.53 | $180.87 |
| 2” | $279.63 | $292.72 |
| 3” | $461.53 | $484.48 |
| 4” | $764.69 | $804.05 |
| 6” | $1,522.60 | $1,603.00 |

# Virginia American Water (Water – City of Alexandria, Prince William County)

Virginia American Water filed a general rate application with the State Corporation Commission (SCC) on November 2, 2018, requesting an overall increase in rates of $5.6 million, based on approximately $98 million in infrastructure upgrades since April 2017. The interim rates will remain in place until the SCC issues its final rate order after a thorough public review, which is still pending. The company will issue credits with interest to all customers if rates determined by the SCC’s final order are lower than the rates Virginia American Water requested in its application and is implementing on May 1, 2019.

Virginia American Water is incorporating consolidated tariff pricing in a gradual manner consistent with Senate Bill 1492, which was signed in 2017. The result of the gradual move to consolidated pricing is that all water customers in Virginia American Water residential districts will have the same base rates and cost of water beginning on May 1, 2021.

## Alexandria District

Uniform Water Rate: $1.96440/1,000 gallons water uses beyond minimum charge of $15 for 5/8” meter, $22.50 for ¾” meter, $37.50 for 1” meter, $75 for 1½” meter, $120 for 2” meter, $225 for 3” meter, $375 for 4” meter, $750 for 6” meter, and $1,200 for 8” meter.

No water or sewer rate increases are projected beyond currently adopted rates. However, members are advised to anticipate annual increases in the range of 4-6% generally.

## Prince William District

Uniform Water Rate: $4.6278/1,000 gallons water uses beyond minimum charge of $15 for 5/8” meter, $22.50 for ¾” meter, $37.50 for 1” meter, $75 for 1½” meter, $120 for 2” meter, $225 for 3” meter, $375 for 4” meter, $750 for 6” meter, $1,200 for 8” meter, $1,650 for 10” meter, and $3,225.00 for 12” meter

No water or sewer rate increases are projected beyond currently adopted rates. However, members are advised to anticipate annual increases in the range of 4-6% generally.