



# City of Cambridge

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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### **Great News! No Water Rate Increase for the 6<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

June 1, 2016

Dear Water/Sewer Customer:

The City administration and City Council continue to recognize the importance of minimizing increases in water and sewer rates. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the approved FY17 water consumption block rate increase of 0.0% and sewer consumption block rate increase of 3.2% resulting in a 2.4% increase in the combined rate for the period beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017. **This is the sixth consecutive year that the City has been able to produce a 0% increase in the water rate.**

The following block rates will commence with the water/sewer usage as of April 1, 2016, and you will see the changes in bills issued as of July 1, 2016.

	Annual Consumption	FY16 Water Rate	FY17 Proposed Water Rate	FY16 Sewer Rate	FY17 Proposed Sewer Rate
<b>Block 1</b>	0 - 40 CcF	\$3.02	\$3.02	\$9.21	\$9.50
<b>Block 2</b>	41 - 400 CcF	\$3.24	\$3.24	\$9.74	\$10.05
<b>Block 3</b>	401 - 2,000 CcF	\$3.44	\$3.44	\$10.46	\$10.79
<b>Block 4</b>	2,001 - 10,000 CcF	\$3.65	\$3.65	\$11.26	\$11.62
<b>Block 5</b>	Over 10,000 CcF	\$3.96	\$3.96	\$11.97	\$12.35

All rates are per CcF. CcF is an abbreviation of 100 cubic feet. One CcF is approximately 750 gallons.

### **Senior Discount Program**

The City offers a 15% discount, not to exceed \$90, to residents 65 years of age or older who own and occupy their one, two or three family homes. *An application form is on the reverse side of this notice.* Any resident who was granted a Clause 41C elderly exemption on FY16 real estate taxes will receive a 30% discount, not to exceed \$180 per year. The City automatically grants this discount where applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 617 349-4220, or e-mail us at [treasurer@cambridgema.gov](mailto:treasurer@cambridgema.gov).

Sincerely,

Louis DePasquale  
Assistant City Manager/Fiscal

## SENIOR DISCOUNT WATER/SEWER PROGRAM

Because of the impact the water and sewer rate increases may have on senior citizens, the City offers a Senior Discount Water/Sewer Program. All residents aged 65 years of age or older who own and occupy their one, two or three family home are eligible for a 15% discount on water/sewer charges, not to exceed \$90 per year. To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older on July 1, 2016. **If you are currently receiving the discount, you will continue to receive it, you need NOT reapply.** To begin receiving the discount, complete the application form below if you qualify for this program. Any resident who was granted a Clause 41C elderly exemption on FY16 real estate taxes will receive a 30% discount not to exceed \$180 per year. The City automatically grants this discount where applicable; therefore, you do not need to apply for it.

If you have any questions regarding the Senior Citizen Water/Sewer Program, please contact the Finance Department at 617 349-4220. If you have any questions regarding the qualifications for the real estate tax exemption under clause 41C, please contact the Assessor's Office at 617 349-4343.

### SENIOR DISCOUNT WATER/SEWER APPLICATION FORM 15% Senior Discount Water/Sewer Program

PARCEL ID \_\_\_\_\_ ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CC \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF RECORD OWNER \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

**If you own and occupy your one, two, or three-family home and will be 65 or older by July 1, 2016, you have several options to return your application. Please return your completed application by July 1, 2016.**

**Complete and mail to:  
City of Cambridge - Finance Department  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139**

**Complete and e-mail to [treasurer@cambridgema.gov](mailto:treasurer@cambridgema.gov)**

**Complete the application online at [cambridgema.gov](http://cambridgema.gov) under the Finance Department's website.**