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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **COST OF WATER AND SEWER RATES STANDS STRONG IN LOCAL CITIES COMPARISON**

The City of Everett continues to have one of the most affordable rates for water and sewer charges in comparison to similar sized communities within the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA). Per the 2014 Annual Water & Sewer retail rate survey conducted by the MWRA Advisory Board, Everett's average combined annual water and sewer cost is \$997.60. This is more than 30% less than the typical MWRA ratepayer. Some of Everett's neighboring cities of comparable size pay as follows: Revere, \$1,874.40; Chelsea, \$1,455.60; Malden, \$1,295.40.

For FY2016, a rate increase of 7.5% was recommended by the administration to keep up with costs of operation, including MWRA assessments and current and future debt service on infrastructure improvements and meter replacements. The City Services Commission agreed and voted to adopt the increase back in March. Water and Sewer customers can expect to see this new rate reflected in their upcoming bill.

The increase will still keep Everett in the lowest 5% in water and sewer rates within the MWRA system, while enabling the City's Water and Sewer Department to continue to provide needed infrastructure improvements and updates.

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