



Town of Sullivan's Island

Water & Sewer Department

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Dear Sullivan's Island Water Customer:

The Town of Sullivan's Island (Town) provides water service through an agreement with Charleston Water Systems (CWS). During the past 10 years, primarily due to irrigation usage, water demand has increased at a pace that could exceed the contracted capacity with CWS. In that regard, the Town has engaged nationally recognized rate consultant Raftelis to consider alternative funding models for additional capacity to maintain customer service and expectations.

The Town is considering the addition of a 4th rate block to the irrigation rates for all use above 12,000 gallons per month. This 4th rate block will affect the high irrigation users only and will allow the Town to purchase additional capacity as needed during the next decade. This new rate block applies to irrigation only and does not affect normal domestic usage rates.

The current rate structure for both domestic and irrigation usage follows a 3 rate block structure, with block 1 (0 to 4,000 gals) being \$3.33 per thousand gallons, block 2 (4,001 to 8,000 gals) being \$7.22 per 1,000 gallons and block 3 (over 8,001 gals) being \$12.06 per thousand gallons currently. Block 4 is being proposed to be \$21.06 per thousand gallons, for any irrigation use over 12,000 gallons per month.

The Town will hold a public hearing to solicit questions and input from its irrigation customers on Tuesday January 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Town Hall. This public hearing will be just before the regular Town Council Meeting. If you have any questions prior to the public hearing, please contact Greg Gress, Water & Sewer Department Manager at 843-883-5748 or Andy Benke, Town Administrator, at 843-883-5726.

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