

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE SECTION 52.21 ENTITLED
“VARIOUS WATER CHARGES”**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2026 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut to consider an amendment to Ordinance Section 52.21 entitled “Various Water Charges”. The proposed amendment raises the interest rate on overdue fees and charges imposed by the Water and Sewer Commission from 12% to 18%.

Copies of the full text of the proposed Ordinance are on file for public inspection at the office of the East Lyme Town Clerk, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut and at <http://www.eltownhall.com/> to which reference may be had. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, on this 7th day of January, 2026.

East Lyme Board of Selectmen

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Matthew J. Doherty
Town Clerk

Proposed Amendment to Ordinance § 52.21 entitled VARIOUS WATER CHARGES.

(A) The Town Water and Sewer Commission may impose the following charges upon the owner or owners of property which is served with water by the Commission; annual private hydrant charge; annual private sprinkler charge; meter deposit; frozen meter repair or replacement fee; fee for installation and disconnection of meters for seasonal residences; meter test fees; fee for inspection of inground water service pipelines being installed in subdivisions; charge for labor provided to owner at owners request for corrections or repairs that are owner's responsibility; charge for sale of materials held in stock by Water Department.

(B) The meter deposit described in division (A) above shall be due and payable on or before the date that the Commission provides water service to the owner or owners of property requesting such service. All other charges described in division (A) above shall be due and payable when the property owner is billed by the Commission.

(C) The amount of such charges shall be established and from time to time revised by the Town Water and Sewer Commission, and shall reasonably reflect the costs incurred by the Commission in providing such services and materials. The Commission shall establish and revise such charges in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-239, as amended from time to time.

(D) From the time that any fee or charge described in this section becomes due and payable, it shall bear interest at the rate of ~~12~~ ¹⁸ % per annum until paid, unless paid within 30 days from the date it becomes due and payable. Any such fee or charge shall, at the time it becomes due and payable, become a lien upon the property. Any such lien shall be liable to be foreclosed in the same manner provided by law, for the foreclosure of tax liens.

(E) Any such lien shall not continue to exist for a period longer than one year after any such fee or charge becomes due and payable, unless within that period a certificate signed by the First Selectman or his or her designee describing the premises upon which the lien exists, the reason on account of which it is claimed, and the amount claimed by the town as a lien shall be filed in the town land records. Any such lien shall cease to exist whenever a certificate discharging the same signed by the First Selectman or his or her designee shall be filed in the town land records. Such liens shall be discharged by the First Selectman or his or her designee upon payment of such unpaid charges, interest (as set forth in division (D) above), and a lien fee which shall be an amount which is equal to the sum of a \$5 administrative fee and the amount charged by the Town Clerk for recording and releasing such lien.

(Ord. passed 6-23-1979)

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