

NEW YORK CITY WATER BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with Section 1045-j (9a) of the New York State Public Authorities Law, the New York City Water Board (the “Board”) will hold a public hearing on May 18, 2010 concerning proposed annual water and wastewater rates and charges to be effective July 1, 2010, for the use of, or services furnished, rendered or made available by the water and wastewater system of the City of New York. The hearing will be held as follows:

Brooklyn	Public School 102 211 72 nd Street Brooklyn, NY 11209	Tuesday, May 18, 2010 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.
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Please note that the Brooklyn hearing that was previously noticed for May 13 has been rescheduled to May 18, as indicated above, and that there will be no hearing on May 13. Except for the new date for the Brooklyn hearing publicly noticed above, hearings in all other boroughs will take place according to the original schedule, which was previously noticed on April 12. A copy of that original schedule for the hearings in the other boroughs is provided below for informational purposes:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>
Staten Island	Wagner High School 1200 Manor Road Staten Island, NY 10314	Tuesday, May 4, 2010 Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.
Bronx	Public School 14 3041 Bruckner Blvd. Bronx, NY 10461	Thursday, May 6, 2010 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.
Manhattan	City Planning Commission 22 Reade Street New York, NY 10007	Friday, May 7, 2010 Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m.
Queens	Edison High School 165-65 84 th Avenue Jamaica, NY 11432	Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.
Manhattan	Public School 124 40 Division Street New York, NY 10002	Wednesday, May 12, 2010 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

I. It is anticipated that there will be a change from currently effective water rates and wastewater charges for services provided during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010.

- (1) Metered and unmetered water rates will increase by 12.9%.
- (2) Wastewater charges will remain at 159% of water charges.

II. In addition, the Board will consider a new payment discount for meter-billed customers, a new sewage charge for stormwater and increases to existing and new miscellaneous fees summarized as follows:

- (1) A 1% discount for meter-billed customers subscribing to a direct debit program.
- (2) A new sewage charge for stormwater not to exceed \$0.05 per square foot of property area will be introduced for standalone parking lots that currently do not pay for wastewater service because they do not receive drinking water service, which is used to calculate wastewater charges under the current rate structure. A credit program will be offered for parking lots implementing Stormwater Best Management Practices based on criteria and standards established by the Board.
- (3) The water shut-off fee will be increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
- (4) The hydrant flow test fee will be increased from \$250 to \$500.
- (5) A new backflow prevention plan review fee of \$350.
- (6) A new backflow exemption approval fee of \$100.

All hearings are open to the public. Anyone may attend or register to speak at any borough hearing, regardless of the borough in which they reside or in which their property is located.

All members of the public who wish to obtain copies of the Board's Information Booklet describing the rate proposal and changes to billing policies should contact Kevin Kunkle, New York City Water Board, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 8th Floor, Flushing, NY 11373, Telephone (718) 595-3601, email: kkunkle@dep.nyc.gov. The Board's Information Booklet is also available on the Board's website at www.nyc.gov/nycwaterboard. Those who wish to testify at a hearing should contact Mr. Kunkle to register no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the hearing they wish to attend. Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes duration. A copy of any prepared or written statement may be submitted for the Board's consideration at the above mailing address or the above email address by 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2010.