



To: Mayor and Town Council Members

From: Mark C. Meyers, Town Manager

Date: May 7, 2026

Subject: WCWCD Wholesale Water Rate Increase

Background

Virgin Town purchases culinary water from the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD). The District recently approved a wholesale water rate increase to member local governments effective July 1, 2026. The increase is \$0.11 per 1000 gallons. The Town should increase its retail water rates a like amount so that it is not subsidizing the rate and utilizing fund balance necessary for operation and maintenance of our distribution system as well as future infrastructure improvements.

Attached are our current rates. An increase can be approved by Council resolution. Our practice is to hold a public hearing, and I suggest that it occur at the June Town Council meeting so that rates may become effective July 1st.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Town Council discuss and consider increasing culinary water rates following the wholesale rate increase by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.