

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Sarah Stevenson, Deputy Commissioner

**FROM:** Laurice Smith, Divisional Deputy City Solicitor, Regulatory Law Unit, Water Division

**DATE:** July 30, 2025

**RE: Water Department's Rates and Charges for FY 2026 and FY 2027**

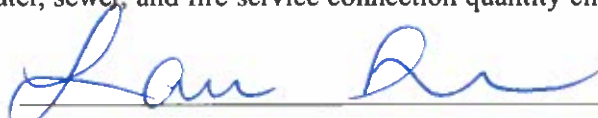
Changes in Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rates and Related Charges for FY 2026 and FY 2027 effective September 1, 2025 and September 1, 2026, respectively ("General Rate Proceeding"); and

Annual Adjustment of the Tiered Assistance Program Rate Rider (TAP-R) Surcharge Rates Beginning September 1, 2025 ("TAP-R Adjustment").

I have reviewed the attached Rates and Charges of the Philadelphia Water Department, which were prepared pursuant to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rate Board's ("Rate Board") Rate Determination for the 2025 General Rate Proceeding, dated July 23, 2025 ("GRP Rate Determination") and the Rate Determination for the annual TAP-R Adjustment, dated July 23, 2025 ("TAP-R Rate Determination") both filed with the Department of Records along with a forwarding memorandum on July 23, 2025.

I find the attached Rates and Charges for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to be legal and in proper form. In accordance with Section 13-101 of the Philadelphia Code and Sections II(10)(d) and II(C)(2)(c) of the Rate Board's Regulations, you may forward the Water Department's Rates and Charges for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to the Department of Records for filing.

As stated in the GRP Rate Determination and TAP-R Rate Determination and forwarding memorandum, and consistent with Section 13-101(3)(e) of the Code and Section II(10)(d) and II(C)(2)(c) of the Rate Board Regulations, the effective dates for the approved changes in water, sewer, and stormwater rates and related charges for FY 2026 and FY 2027 in the General Rate Proceeding will be September 1, 2025 and September 1, 2026, respectively. The effective date of the approved changes in the annual adjustment to the TAP-R Adjustment proceeding and related water, sewer, and fire service connection quantity charges will be September 1, 2025.



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