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Dear Sirs,

I was told information could be obtained by e-mailing my question to this address.

I have been informed of rate increases in the coming year for water, supplied by the HAWC (Hampstead Area Water Co.). Although increased costs are always anticipated, there is one charge that I would ask for further clarification in order to understand why it has increased so dramatically.

Public Fire Protection charge, per hydrant, went from \$200 per hydrant annually to \$1491 annually (per hydrant!). A quick review of other town annual hydrant maintenance fees (online) ranges from \$6 to \$50 per hydrant annually. In one extravagant case, they were billed at an hourly rate (\$52 an hour) for 3 fire personnel per year. That still does not approach the proposed \$1491 per year per hydrant.

Please provide justification/explanation for where the \$1491 per hydrant per year number came from.

Best regards,
Henry McInerney
Hampstead resident