

Village of Hyde Park Water Department
 Message from the Board of Trustees / Water Commissioners

The following action was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees at the duly warned regular meeting held on July 13, 2022.

We have determined that in order to make drinking water bond payments it is necessary to recover legal costs associated with the Lamoille County lawsuit starting with September bills and continuing each month until full cost recovery.

Legal costs will be allocated on a fixed charge basis in alignment with the percentage allocation established across the rate base. The "County Lawsuit Defense" charges will be adjusted in the event that sufficient revenues are not being recovered.

If the court orders the County to pay a portion of our legal fees, each customer will receive a refund of their fair share once it is determined that water bond payments can be paid on time. If the court orders the County to pay all legal fees, each customer will receive a refund of their "County Lawsuit Defense" payments. In the event that at the conclusion of the lawsuit, there has been an incidental over billing, customer overcharges will result in a bill credit to each customer.

The "County Lawsuit Defense" fixed monthly charge by rate class:

- \$687.50 GP Governmental/Public fixed monthly charge.
- \$62.50 GP2
- \$62.50 Commercial
- \$62.50 C2
- \$13.00 Residential
- \$19.00 R2
- \$13.00 Industrial

The Chart displays Monthly Fixed Charges billed to each Customer Class.

- Customer Classes
- 2020 Monthly Fixed Charges
- % Share of Monthly Fixed Costs

Example:

The Lamoille County Court is in the GP Class.

\$1,417.50 is the 2020 monthly fixed charge.

\$1,417.50 divided by \$12,583 (the total monthly fixed charges) is 11%

- 40% (\$567) is paid by the state.
- 60% (\$850.50) is paid by Lamoille County and/or other entities.

Class	Rate Per Meter 2020	\$12,583 Monthly % Share of Fixed
GP	\$ 1,417.50	11%
GP2	\$ 125.55	1%
C	\$ 72.90	1%
C2	\$ 125.55	1%
R2	\$ 32.40	0.3%
I	\$ 202.50	0.2%
R	\$ 20.25	0.2%

If you wish to learn more about these fixed charges, please click on [Cost-Casuation Principles](#)