



RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT

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April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Rumford-Mexico Sewer District (RMSD) rate increase history

Dear Sewer rate payers for Rumford, Mexico and Dixfield,

Local sewer bills are starting to be distributed in each community, and I wanted to take an opportunity to refresh memories regarding sewer billing. Each of your communities have a community sewer collection system that is run and maintained by your Towns' local government – be it by a sewer district (Mexico) or public works (Rumford.) Each community sewer entity has their own individual billing formula for their end users which they bill out independently from RMSD and each other to cover their respective budgetary costs.

All three community's sewer systems discharge to the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage Districts' collection and treatment facility. RMSD bills the three communities individually according to an approved billing schedule based upon flow and physical RMSD assets located in their communities annually. RMSD rate schedules are voted upon in public hearings per State of Maine requirements found in Title 30-A Subsections 2351 – 2357.

The following pages are previously approved public hearing meeting agendas from 2024 and 2025 that outline the RMSD rate increases out to FY 2027. Also included is a breakout of costs/community for each fiscal year and includes annual debt service charges to fund ongoing capital improvement projects. Our breakout is built on historical units communicated to RMSD pre-2025. RMSD cannot account for additional town fees exceeding the rates we've published for your communities. Individuals will need to contact their community to gain understanding of those additional costs as RMSD is not involved with their generation.

As a reminder, RMSD is currently underway with two large capital improvement projects: Dix Avenue pump station upgrade and Phase I of II for the Main Treatment Facility upgrade located at 228 River Road Mexico. These projects will have a combined estimated annual debt service charge of more than \$1 Million dollars annually upon completion and **are included** in the previously approved budgets listed in this document. The Dix Avenue pump house project bid was awarded for \$4.482 Million dollars and is expected to be completed in May 2027 and is fully funded through a grant from the ME DOT MIAF and USDA RD programs to include a \$200 Thousand dollar match from the District. The Phase I project for the Main Treatment Facility went out to bid in February 2026 and is expected to be awarded in early May 2026 for an unknown amount as of this writing but is estimated to be more than \$17 Million dollars.

Sincerely,

Roland Arsenault

Roland M. Arsenault, General Manager



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January 3, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 pm

Location: RMSD conference room
228 River Road
Mexico, ME 04257

AGENDA

CHAIRMAN –CALL TO ORDER

Public Hearing to discuss rate increases for the District to fund the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District's operation and maintenance (O&M) costs and current and future debt service (DS) for the following years:

1. FY 2024: 8.2% O&M, 12.8% DS,
2. FY 2025: 3% O&M, 18% DS.
3. FY 2026: 3% O&M, 14% DS.
4. FY 2027: 1% O&M, 3% DS.

The FY's 2025 – 2027 are best estimates based on actual expenses and projected debt service to begin paying out in FY 2027.

The Superintendent recommends a motion to approve all 4 line items as written above with the understanding adjustments in future fiscal years will require additional public hearings.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Time.

Public attendees:



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January 8, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 pm

Location: RMSD conference room
228 River Road
Mexico, ME 04257

AGENDA

CHAIRMAN –CALL TO ORDER

Public Hearing to discuss 2025 rate increase variance for the District to fund new sludge disposal costs to the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District's operation and maintenance (O&M) budget.

This rate increase will change the previously approved 2025 budget from a 21% increase to 28.2% as disposal costs will rise an additional \$143,000 for FY 2025.

The Superintendent recommends a motion to approve the rate increase as written above with the understanding adjustments in future fiscal years will require additional public hearings.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Time.

Public attendees:

Billing to Towns for 2027

Bill February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1

4% Rate increase

	Annual Bill	billing units	Cost/unit/ year	\$/Mos.
Rumford	\$ 2,231,204.74	3009	\$ 741.51	\$ 61.79
Mexico	\$ 680,863.77	812	\$ 838.50	\$ 69.88
Dixfield	\$ 227,640.99	562	\$ 405.06	\$ 33.75
O&M Total	\$ 3,139,709.50	4383	\$ 716.34	

Avg/unit for the District

Billing to Towns for 2026

Bill February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1

17% Rate increase

	Annual Bill	billing units	Cost/unit/ year	\$/Mos.
Rumford	\$2,131,806.39	3009	\$ 708.48	\$ 59.04
Mexico	\$665,142.19	812	\$ 819.14	\$ 68.26
Dixfield	\$222,002.87	562	\$ 395.02	\$ 32.92
O&M Total	\$3,018,951.44	4383	\$ 688.79	

Avg/unit for the District

Billing to Towns in 2025

Bill February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1

28% Rate increase

	2025 Annual Bill	billing units	Cost/unit/ year	\$/Mos.
Rumford	\$1,846,244.30	3009	\$613.57	\$ 51.13
Mexico	\$547,621.30	812	\$674.41	\$ 56.20
Dixfield	\$186,434.78	562	\$331.73	\$ 27.64
O&M Total	\$2,580,300.38	4383	\$588.71	

Avg/unit for the District