



April 14, 2025

LD 1272 An Act to Address the Housing Crisis by Reducing Barriers to Building More Accessory Dwelling Units

**Senator Chip Curry**

**Representative Traci Gere**

RE: LD 1272

Senator Curry, Representative Gere and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development

My name is Carl M Chretien resident of Saco, I'm here representing myself and the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Maine.

The issue with requiring sprinklers in ADU's is that code doesn't allow for partially sprinklered buildings, thereby requiring the building retrofitted

- Most fires occur in housing constructed before the 1980's
  - Most of the fires derive from heating (not well insulated), cooking (inattentiveness) and electrical (connecting knob and tubing to current Romex).
  - Nearly two thirds of Maine housing stock was constructed before 1979
- Sprinklers price homeowners, particularly first-time homebuyers, out of the market
  - Actual costs
    - 2265 sq.ft colonial \$18,700.00 requires tank and pump, does not include extra air sealing as required by energy code
    - 1565 sq.ft ranch \$16,700.00, requires tank and pump, does not include extra air sealing as required by energy code
    - Material alone for 30 concealed heads \$6,543.13
  - Adding \$10,000 to the cost of a home will require \$2,400 more income to support a mortgage.
    - In most of Maine the Annual Median Income for a family of three is about \$80,000.
    - Adding the cost of sprinklers will requires family income to increase by 3% or \$2,400.
- Smoke Detectors Work

- Hard wire smoke detectors have substantially reduced the risk of injury and death in residential fires
- More stringent enforcement including Towns that are not required to enforce the MEUBEC would be a more cost effective way to reduce risk.

#### **Title 25, §2464: Smoke detectors**

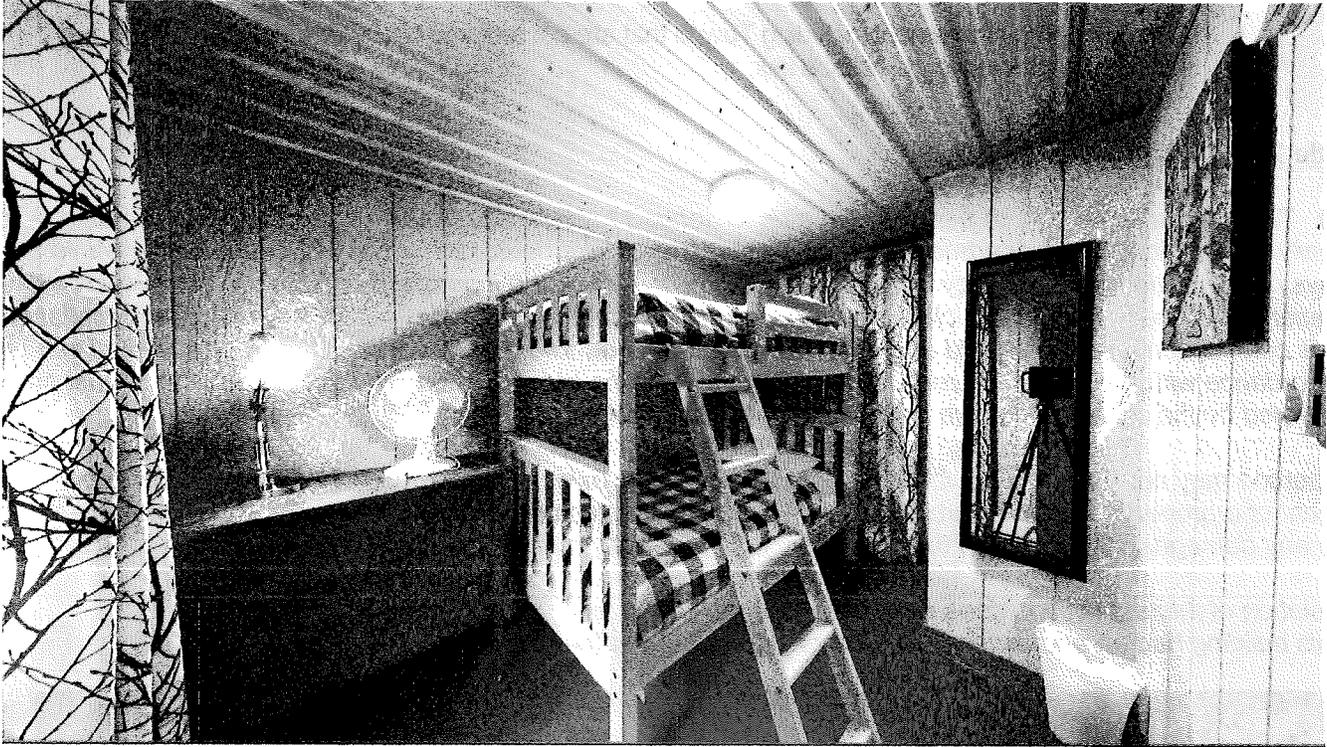
**10. Transfer of dwelling.** A person who, after October 31, 2009, acquires by sale or exchange a single-family dwelling or a multi-apartment building shall install smoke detectors in the acquired dwelling within 30 days of acquisition or occupancy of the dwelling, whichever is later, if smoke detectors are not already present, and shall certify at the closing of the transaction that the purchaser will make the proper installation. This certification must be signed and dated by the purchaser. The smoke detectors must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements at the time of installation. The smoke detectors must be powered by the electrical service in the building or by battery.

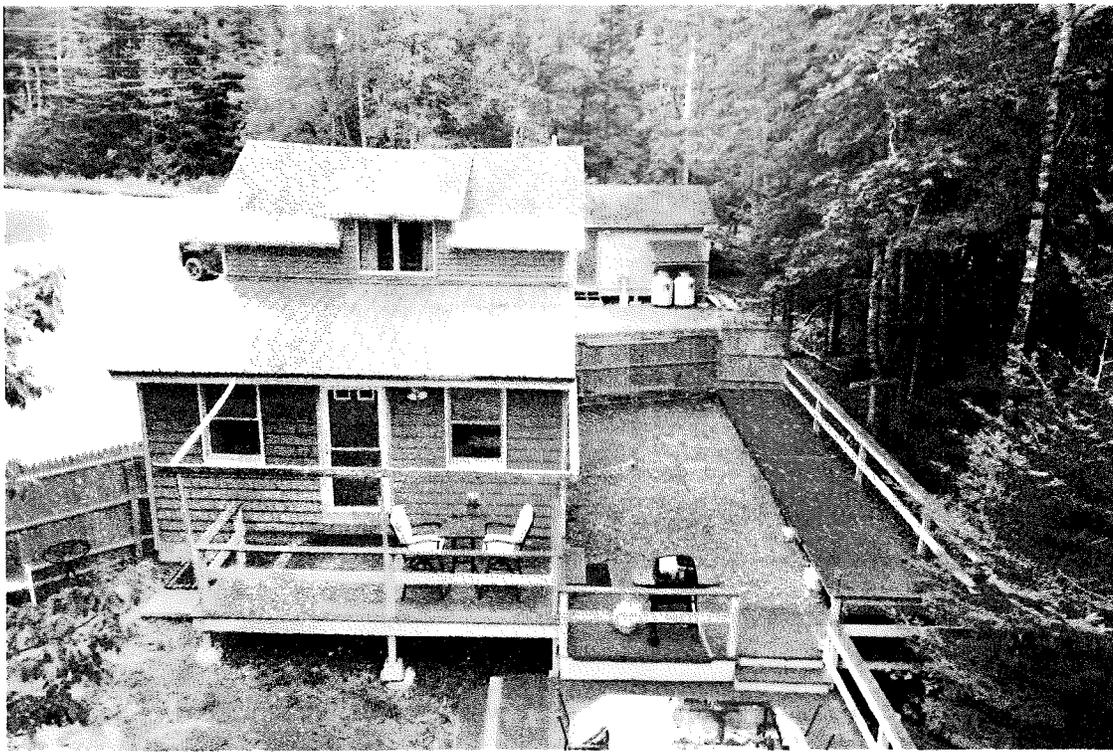
A person may not have a claim for relief against a property owner, a property purchaser, an authorized agent of a property owner or purchaser, a person in possession of real property, a closing agent or a lender for any damages resulting from the operation, maintenance or effectiveness of a smoke detector.

Violation of this subsection does not create a defect in title.

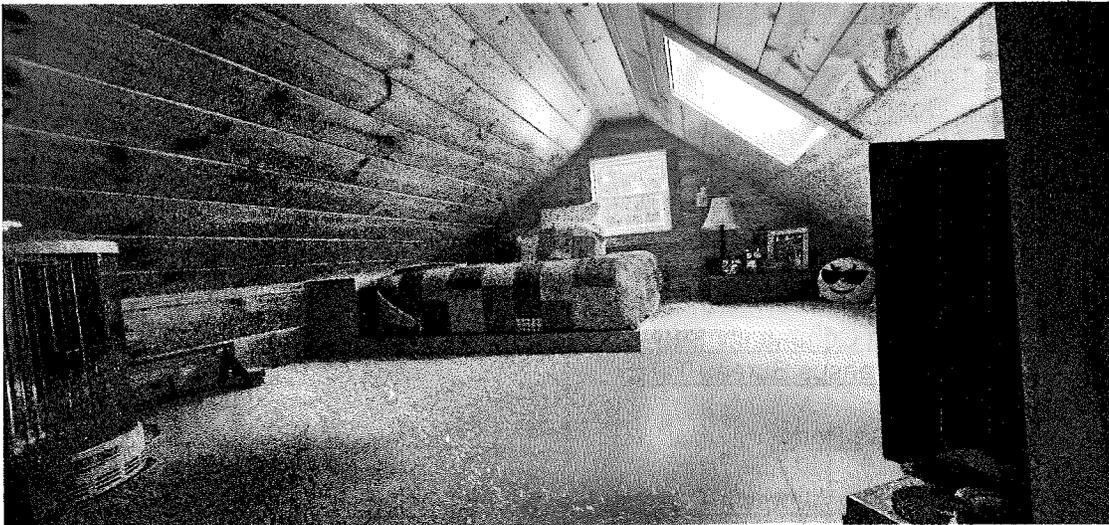
This building had an additional six detectors added to meet the existing code.







The above four photos are of a building built in 1926. The first three photos show smokes in the two new sleeping areas created in the 12 foot by 20 foot addition shown under the green roof, there are three smoke detectors within four feet of each other. In total this building has 6 smoke detectors that meet the minimum code requirements of today as well as state statute for buildings sold after October 31, 2009. Realtors are to mention this to home buyers.



The above picture is of a loft in a newly added addition to the building below. This was created by a retired fire chief. This doesn't meet code in any fashion as this doesn't qualify as a Tiny Home in Maine. Doesn't have the required head room, no smoke detector and has an unvented gas heater in a sleeping area. This property is listed on a short-term rental site. It poses a danger to the renter as they are unfamiliar with the property, and it doesn't appear to have a means of egress.



The above picture has newly added addition with the loft on the right side.

Also, the 1979 BOCA code and later required smoke detectors and now also carbon monoxide detectors.  
Builders Guide I worked for HUD: [Natural-Hazards Volume-3-Fire.pdf](#)

Links to economic articles.

['Discontinued' Red, Blue Uponor PEX Piping Plagued by Cracking Defect, Class Action Alleges](#)

[It Takes 22 Subcontractors to Build the Average Home](#)

[Regulation Now Accounts for \\$93,870 of the Average New Home Price](#)

[Remodeling in 2021: Kitchens Edge Baths for Top Spot](#)

[HomeFireSprinklerCostAssessment2013.pdf](#)

[Builders' Profit Margins Improved in 2023](#)

[Credit for Builders Less Available, Costs More](#)

[Credit Conditions for Builders and Developers Continue to Worsen](#)

<https://www.huduser.gov/Publications/PDF/fire.pdf>

[NAHB's Response to the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Initiative | NAHB](#)

[New Standard For Carbon Monoxide Detectors Can Save Hundreds Of Lives Each Year | CPSC.gov](#)  
[design-and-construction-manual---replacement-window-specifications.pdf](#)

[Title 25, §2464: Smoke detectors](#)

[Year Built and Year Moved In | American Community Survey | U.S. Census Bureau](#)

[B25035: Median Year Structure Built - Census Bureau Table](#)

[Homeownership Affordability Indexes](#)

[Data Portal | State of Maine Housing Data Portal](#)

<https://youtube/gCMxwSr5Go>

[520 Hz Low Frequency for 120VAC Smoke Alarms IFC 2021 | Fire Alarms Online](#)

Maine

**Housing Units Built in 1939 or Earlier**

23.1 percent

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates  
Data Profiles/Housing  
Characteristics

**Moved into Housing Unit between 2000 and 2009**

19.1 percent

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates  
Data Profiles/Housing  
Characteristics

**Median Year Structure Built**

1976

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates  
Detailed Tables: B25035

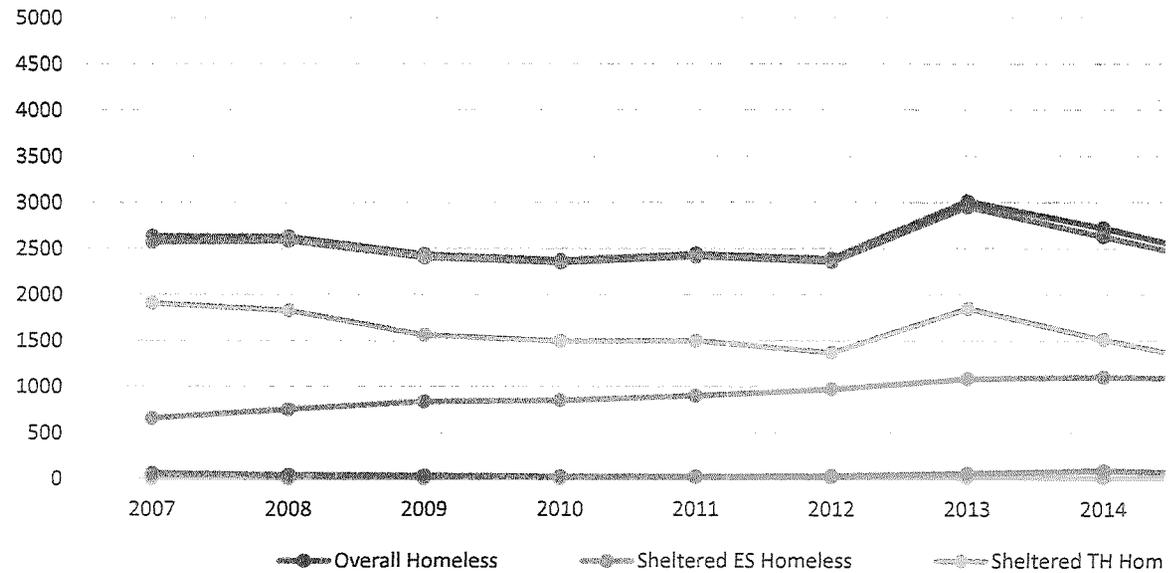
The screenshot shows the United States Census Bureau website interface. At the top left is the 'United States Census Bureau' logo. A search bar contains the text 'Maine'. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for 'All', 'Tables', 'Maps', 'Charts', 'Profiles', and 'Pages'. The 'Tables' tab is selected, showing '4059 Results'. A filter for 'Maine' is applied. The search results list 'B25035 | Median Year Structure Built' as the selected table. Below this, a table displays the data for Maine: 'Median year structure built' with an estimate of '1976'. The table also includes columns for 'Label', 'Estimate', and 'Margin of Error'. The 'Estimate' column contains the value '1976'. The 'Margin of Error' column contains the value '±1'. The table is titled 'B25035 | Median Year Structure Built' and is part of the '2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables'.

Sincerely,  
Carl M Chretien

President

<b>ME</b>									
<b>Maine</b>		<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Overall Homeless		2638	2632	2444	2379	2447	2393	3016	2726
Sheltered ES Homeless		664	758	843	854	904	975	1090	1107
Sheltered TH Homeless		1912	1830	1563	1497	1499	1373	1851	1515
Sheltered SH Homeless					0	15	12	13	11
Sheltered Total Homeless		2576	2588	2406	2351	2418	2360	2954	2633
Unsheltered Homeless		62	44	38	28	29	33	62	93

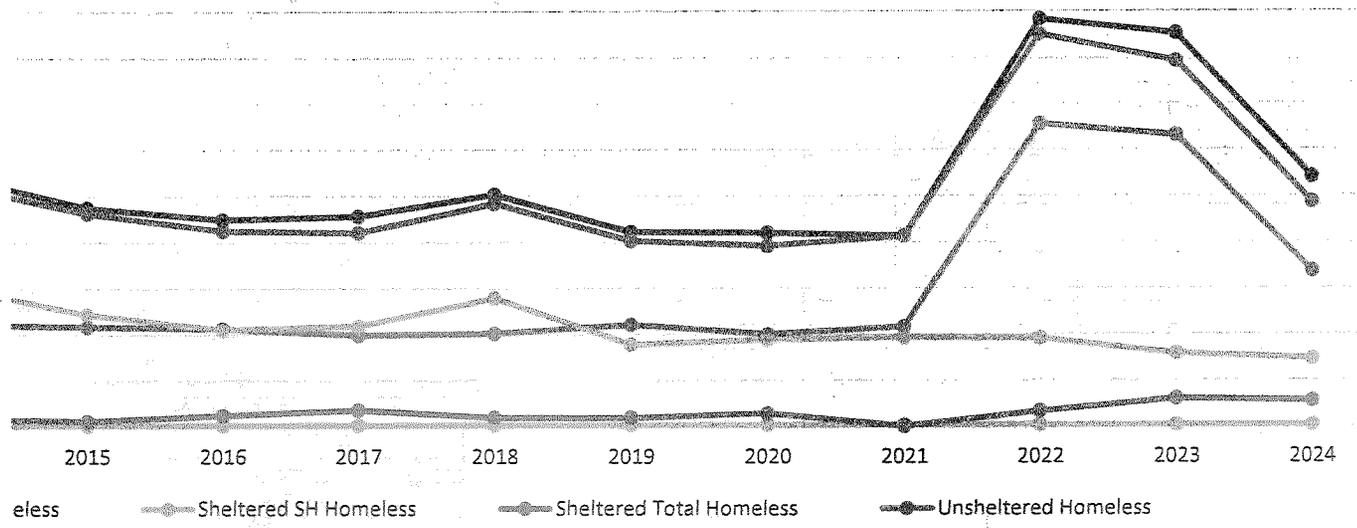
ES - Emergency Shelter  
 TH - Transitional Housing  
 SH - Safe Haven



Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, PIT Data, 2007-2024.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
2372	2241	2280	2516	2106	2097	2063	4411	4258	2702
1085	1060	993	1012	1105	1000	1082	3276	3153	1682
1215	1049	1092	1391	891	941	966	956	791	732
13	12	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
2313	2121	2100	2418	2011	1956	2063	4247	3959	2429
59	120	180	98	95	141	0	164	299	273

Maine





	Total	1 Unit	2 Units	3 and 4 Units	5 Units or More	Num of Structur es With 5 Units or More
<b>Maine Annual 1995</b>	4417	4162	60	25	170	10
<b>Maine Annual 1996</b>	4685	4463	46	41	135	14
<b>Maine Annual 1997</b>	4706	4304	106	59	237	19
<b>Maine Annual 1998</b>	6280	5656	100	86	438	15
<b>Maine Annual 1999</b>	5688	5375	140	59	114	1
<b>Maine Annual 2000</b>	6177	5748	86	90	253	25
<b>Maine Annual 2001</b>	6492	5931	134	159	268	27
<b>Maine Annual 2002</b>	7207	6421	182	189	415	40
<b>Maine Annual 2003</b>	7933	7308	216	196	213	27
<b>Maine Annual 2004</b>	8771	8053	172	125	421	41
<b>Maine Annual 2005</b>	8969	7810	284	205	670	66
<b>Maine Annual 2006</b>	7293	6483	242	119	449	48
<b>Maine Annual 2007</b>	5873	5063	124	100	596	51
<b>Maine Annual 2008</b>						

Maine	3615	3099	102	46	368	28
Annual 2009						
Maine	3121	2816	56	72	177	20
Annual 2010						
Maine	3034	2812	68	22	132	20
Annual 2011						
Maine	2744	2279	50	20	395	32
Annual 2012						
Maine	3001	2496	80	69	356	36
Annual 2013						
Maine	3427	2812	78	44	493	37
Annual 2014						
Maine	3242	2713	86	73	370	29
Annual 2015						
Maine	3699	2853	92	58	696	57
Annual 2016						
Maine	4010	3265	126	105	514	42
Annual 2017						
Maine	4358	3583	112	36	627	46
Annual 2018						
Maine	4697	3660	132	42	863	58
Annual 2019						
Maine	4760	3474	196	29	1061	50
Annual 2020						
Maine	5304	4180	198	73	853	47
Annual 2021						
Maine	6530	5238	240	72	980	54
Annual 2022						
Maine	7094	4907	226	95	1866	72
Annual 2023						
Maine	6183	4540	246	90	1307	93
Annual 2024						
Maine	5991	4612	252	113	1014	95

136116 4232 2512 16451 1200

Total of 1 & 2 families 140,348

Total of 1,2,3 and 4 families 142,860

	1 & 2 family total	1,2,3 and 4 family total
avg costr of sprinlers 1995-202 based on energy sealing, additional cost for water purveyors	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
cost of sprinkler 1995-2024	\$1,403,480,000.00	\$1,428,600,000.00
units built 2012-2024	50,397	51,296
avg cost sprinklers 2012-2024 based on energy sealing, additional cost for water purveyors	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
cost of sprinklers	\$755,955,000.00	\$769,440,000.00
lives lost in homes built 1995-2024		1.00

<b>Year</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Overall Homeless</b>
2024	ME	2,702
2023	ME	4,258
2022	ME	4,411
2021	ME	2,063
2020	ME	2,097
2019	ME	2,106
2018	ME	2,516
2017	ME	2,280
2016	ME	2,241
2015	ME	2,372
5014	ME	2,726
2013	ME	3,016
2012	ME	2,393
2011	ME	2,447
2010	ME	2,379
2009	ME	2,444
2008	ME	2,632
2007	ME	2,638



# Residential Range Top Extinguishing Units



**Does UL investigate and list extinguishing systems for residential cook tops? If so, what can you tell me about these products?**

Yes UL has investigated and certified (Listed) these products under the Residential Range Top Extinguisher Units (GMCH) product category. Information on this category and manufacturer's certifications can be found on the UL Online Certifications Directory at [www.ul.com/database](http://www.ul.com/database). Two companies currently have several Listings for both dry and wet chemical residential range top extinguishing systems.

This category covers residential range top extinguisher units designed to discharge extinguishing agent through fixed piping and nozzles. These units are suitable for use over a temperature range of 32°F to 120°F, unless otherwise noted. The units consist of container assemblies for storing and discharging the extinguishing agent, detection assemblies with automatic means of releasing the extinguishing agent, discharge assemblies as a means of directing the extinguishing agent as well as accessory devices such as mechanically or electrically operated gas/shutoff valves and electrical-power-shutoff devices

to facilitate appliance fuel shutdown. As noted in the individual Listings, some units in this category are also provided with a manual means of discharge.

These units are intended for installation above conventional residential gas or electric range tops. These units are intended to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. As indicated in the manufacturer's installation instructions, gas shutoff to the range may be accomplished by mechanical or electrical means.

Residential range top extinguisher units are investigated in accordance with UL 299, the Standard for Safety of Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers, UL 299, and the UL Subject 300A Outline of Investigation for Fire Testing of Extinguisher Units for Residential Range Top Cooking Surfaces. Certified products are marked with the UL symbol, the word LISTED, and Dry Chemical Residential Range Top Extinguisher Unit or Wet Chemical Residential Range Top Extinguisher Unit.

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# Rates

Effective date: January 1, 2025

## (1) Member Monthly Rates: Minimum Charges:

Meter Size	Min. Charge	Allow. CU FT	Seasonal Rates Surface Mains Min. Charge	Seasonal Rates Deep Mains Min. Charge	Allow. CU FT
5/8*	12.08	100	348.67	293.47	3,000
3/4	14.24	100	452.00	396.78	6,300
1	18.47	100	537.35	482.13	9,000
1 1/2	32.83	100	821.87	766.66	18,000
2	56.99	100	1,163.27	1,108.07	28,800
3	103.41	100	2,073.75	2,018.54	57,600
4	155.64	100	3,098.06	3,042.83	90,000
6	300.73	100	5,943.28	5,888.07	180,000
8	474.80	100	9,357.58	9,302.37	288,000

Meter Size	Min. Charge	Allow. CU FT	Seasonal Rates Surface Mains Min. Charge	Seasonal Rates Deep Mains Min. Charge	Allow. CU FT
10	687.48	100	18,462.34	18,407.15	576,000
12	910.05	100	28,760.38	28,705.17	900,000
Low Income	3.02	100			

*\* Standard residential meter*

## **(2) Member Monthly Rates: Above Minimum Charge:**

For the first	100 cubic feet	included in minimum charge
For the next	2,900 cubic feet	3.02 per 100 cubic feet
For the next	7,000 cubic feet	2.85 per 100 cubic feet
For the next	40,000 cubic feet	2.52 per 100 cubic feet
In excess of	50,000 cubic feet	1.45 per 100 cubic feet

## **Member Seasonal Rates:**

See meter size for the allowance included in the minimum charge.

Excess up to	90,000 cubic feet	3.02 per 100 cubic feet
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In excess of            90,000 cubic feet            2.52 per 100 cubic feet

**Example:** Portland household using a residential meter – 5/8 – and 500 cubic feet of water for one month. Charge for **(Step 1)** first 100 cubic feet is \$11.49 plus **(Step 2)** \$11.48 (4 x \$2.87) for 400 additional cubic feet equals \$22.97.

## **Member: Estimated Water Charge Based on Typical Usage**

Number of People	Typical Usage Gallons = HCF	Rate
1	1,800 = 2	15.10
2	3,600 = 5	<b>24.16</b>
3	5,400 = 7	30.20
4	7,200 = 10	39.26
5	9,000 = 12	45.30
6	10,800 = 14	51.34
7	12,600 = 17	60.40
8	14,400 = 19	66.44
9	16,200 = 22	75.50

\* Typical monthly consumption and charges. Residential users with 5/8 meter. Based upon daily usage of 60 gallons per person. Rounded to nearest hcf. HCF = hundred cubic feet. 748 gallons = 1 hcf.

Effective date: January 1, 2024

## **(1) Non-Member Monthly Rates: Minimum Charges:**

Meter Size	Min. Charge	Allow. CU FT	Seasonal Rates Surface Mains Min. Charge	Seasonal Rates Deep Mains Min. Charge	Allow. CU FT
5/8	13.90	100	400.99	337.49	3,000
3/4	16.36	100	519.78	456.28	6,300
1	21.27	100	617.67	554.48	9,000
1 1/2	37.74	100	945.15	881.67	18,000
2	65.51	100	1,337.77	1,274.28	28,800
3	118.87	100	2,384.85	2,321.37	57,600
4	178.97	100	3,562.77	3,499.27	90,000
6	345.82	100	6,834.78	6,771.29	180,000
8	546.03	100	10,761.23	10,697.73	288,000
10	790.60	100	21,231.68	21,168.18	576,000
12	1,046.53	100	33,074.46	33,010.97	900,000
Low Income	3.49	100			

## **(2) Non-Member Monthly Rates: Above Minimum Charge:**

For the first	100 cubic feet	included in minimum charge
For the next	2,900 cubic feet	3.49 per 100 cubic feet
For the next	7,000 cubic feet	3.30 per 100 cubic feet
For the next	40,000 cubic feet	2.88 per 100 cubic feet
In excess of	50,000 cubic feet	1.68 per 100 cubic feet

## **Non-member Seasonal Rates:**

See meter size for the allowance included in the minimum charge

Excess up to	90,000 cubic feet	3.49 per 100 cubic feet
In excess of	90,000 cubic feet	2.88 per 100 cubic feet

**Example:** Standish household using a residential meter – 5/8 – and 400 cubic feet of water for one month. Charge for **(Step 1)** first 100 cubic feet is \$13.22 plus **(Step 2)** \$9.96 (3 x \$3.32) for 300 additional cubic feet equals \$23.18.

## **Non-Member: Estimated Water Charge Based on Typical Usage**

Number of People	Typical Usage Gallons = HCF	Rate
1	1,800 = 2	17.39
2	3,600 = 5	27.86
3	5,400 = 7	34.84
4	7,200 = 10	45.31
5	9,000 = 12	52.29
6	10,800 = 14	59.27
7	12,600 = 17	69.74
8	14,400 = 19	76.72
9	16,200 = 22	87.19

*\* Typical monthly consumption and charges. Residential users with 5/8 meter. Based upon daily usage of 60 gallons per person. Rounded to nearest hcf. HCF = hundred cubic feet. 748 gallons = 1 hcf.*

## Private Fire Service

For each private fire service connected to the District system, there shall be paid to the District a monthly fire protection charge as follows:

Size of Connection	Monthly Charge Members	Monthly Charge Non Members
2	\$4.89	\$5.62
3	10.94	12.54

Size of Connection	Monthly Charge Members	Monthly Charge Non Members
4	19.49	22.42
6	46.58	53.54
8	77.98	89.63
10	121.81	140.15
12	175.38	201.71
16	311.80	358.59

In cases where fire protection systems are supplied with water through metered connections, the quantity of water used for emergency extinguishment of fires will be estimated upon notification and deducted from the quantity registered by the meter before billing.

## Municipal Wastewater Rates

	Date	MIN HCF	MIN CHARGE	ADDITIONAL HCF
<b>PORTLAND</b>	07/01/24	1	13.00	13.00
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>	11/01/24	0	41.84	7.40
<b>SO PORTLAND</b>	07/01/24	1	7.16	7.16
<b>CAPE ELIZABETH</b>	07/01/24	1	54.09	6.21
<b>WESTBROOK</b>	01/01/22	1	12.73	7.73

	Date	MIN HCF	MIN CHARGE	ADDITIONAL HCF
<b>GORHAM</b>	04/01/23	1	15.69	7.34
<b>WINDHAM</b>	03/01/24	5	51.00	10.20
<b>FALMOUTH</b>	07/01/24	Rate per living unit	Commercial Fixtures > 17	schools
		\$54.21 x # of units (Residential)	(\$54.21 x # of units) + (# of fixtures – 17 fixtures x \$2.56) (Com'l combination of fixtures)	\$45.17 for every 15 students (Schools)

HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet

**Example:** Portland household used 500 cubic feet in one month. \$12.75 for the first 100 cubic feet plus \$51.00 for 400 (12.75 x 4) cubic feet equals \$63.75 For more examples, see the charts below.

## Estimated On Typical Wastewater Usage

	Effective Dates	01/01/22	07/01/24	07/01/24
# OF PEOPLE	GALLONS = HCF	WESTBROOK	SOUTH PORTLAND	PORTLAND
1	1,880 = 2	20.46	14.32	26.00

2	3,600 = 5	43.65	35.80	65.00
3	5,400 = 7	59.11	50.12	91.00
4	7,200 = 10	82.30	71.60	130.00
5	9,000 = 12	97.76	85.92	156.00
6	10,800 = 14	113.22	100.24	182.00
7	12,600 = 17	136.41	121.72	221.00
8	14,400 = 19	151.87	136.04	247.00
9	16,200 = 22	175.06	157.52	286.00

Effective 11/01/24 07/01/24 03/01/24 04/01/24  
 Dates:

# OF PEOPLE	GALLONS = HCF	CUMBERLAND	CAPE ELIZABETH	WINDHAM	GORHAM
1	1,800= 2	56.64	60.30	51.00	23.00
2	3,600= 5	78.84	78.93	51.00	45.00
3	5,400= 7	93.64	91.35	71.40	59.73
4	7,200= 10	115.84	109.98	102.00	81.75
5	9,000= 12	130.64	122.40	122.40	96.43
6	10,800= 14	145.44	134.82	142.80	111.11

<b>7</b>	<b>12,600= 17</b>	<b>167.64</b>	<b>153.45</b>	<b>173.40</b>	<b>133.13</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>14,400= 19</b>	<b>182.44</b>	<b>165.87</b>	<b>193.80</b>	<b>147.8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>16,200= 22</b>	<b>204.64</b>	<b>184.50</b>	<b>224.40</b>	<b>169.8</b>

For additional information on wastewater rates and billing, please call the District's Customer Service Hotline @ 761-8310 or [e-mail us](#). Because sewer services are often a collaboration between the Portland Water District and your local city or town, you can contact PWD or the person below who represents your community for more information on your wastewater charges and service:

<b>Ben Pearson, Portland</b>	<b>874-8843</b>
<b>Pam Bosarge, Cumberland</b>	<b>829-2207</b>
<b>Colleen Mitchell, South Portland</b>	<b>767-7675</b>
<b>Ben McDougal, Cape Elizabeth</b>	<b>799-5251</b>
<b>Eric Dudley, Westbrook</b>	<b>854-9105 ex. 222</b>
<b>Freeman Abbott, Gorham</b>	<b>222-1608</b>
<b>Laurie Nordfors, Gorham</b>	<b>222-1675</b>
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RATES FOR WATER SUPPLIED TO METERED CUSTOMERS

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is applicable to all retail customers in the territory with access to water service continuously throughout the twelve months of the year, except for municipal and private fire protection, for use solely by the customer on the customer's own premises.

RATES

Quarterly Billing Consumption Charge

First	300	Cu Ft/Qtr or less. . . . .	\$ per Service Charge below
Next	8,700	Cu Ft/Qtr. . . . .	6.44 per 100 Cu Ft
Next	21,000	Cu Ft/Qtr. . . . .	5.71 per 100 Cu Ft
Next	60,000	Cu Ft/Qtr. . . . .	4.98 per 100 Cu Ft
Excess	90,000	Cu Ft/Qtr. . . . .	3.915 per 100 Cu Ft

Monthly Billing Consumption Charge

First	100	Cu Ft/Month or less. . . . .	\$ per Service Charge below
Next	2,900	Cu Ft/Month . . . . .	6.44 per 100 Cu Ft
Next	7,000	Cu Ft/Month . . . . .	5.71 per 100 Cu Ft
Next	20,000	Cu Ft/Month . . . . .	4.98 per 100 Cu Ft
Excess	30,000	Cu Ft/Month . . . . .	3.915 per 100 Cu Ft

Each meter will be billed in accordance with this schedule. Meters on different services, even though serving the same customer, will not be added together under one billing, but each meter will be billed separately in accordance with this schedule.

SERVICE CHARGE: The service charge for different sizes of meters will be billed on either the monthly or quarterly basis in accordance with the Company's billing procedure. The Company may bill a quarterly customer on a monthly basis using one third of the quarterly service charge. Service charges shall be as follows:

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>CU FT ALLOWANCE</u>	<u>SERVICE CHARGE PER MONTH</u>	<u>CU FT ALLOWANCE</u>	<u>SERVICE CHARGE PER QUARTER</u>
5/8"	100	\$32.85	300	\$66.97
3/4"	100	34.27	300	71.25
1"	100	45.32	300	104.38
1 1/2"	100	49.70	300	117.53
2"	100	53.17	300	127.90
3"	100	95.30	300	254.30
4"	100	151.73	300	423.58
6"	100	276.45	300	797.78
8" & up	100	341.70	300	993.50

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SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available to all Cities and Towns served, as listed below.

RATE

I. EXISTING HYDRANTS

For Standard Fire Hydrants in existence on December 31, 2023 in streets, roads, or rights-of-way as ordered by the municipality, there shall be paid to the Utility by the municipality served a Public Fire Protection Charge as follows:

City of Biddeford

For 509 Standard Fire Hydrants \$53,611.96 per month in advance

City of Saco

For 447 Standard Fire Hydrants 45,786.05 per month in advance

Town of Old Orchard Beach

For 270 Standard Fire Hydrants 28,155.27 per month in advance

Town of Scarborough

For 88 Standard Fire Hydrants 7,915.86 per month in advance

II. NEW HYDRANTS

For each additional Standard Fire Hydrant connected to any main charges will be governed by Chapter 69 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

III. GENERAL

All hydrants installed by the Utility for Public Fire Protection purposes will be cared for and maintained in good working order (unavoidable accidents excepted) by the Utility. Hydrants are to be connected only to mains having a diameter of 6 inches or larger.

Once any Fire Hydrants are actually installed and are in operation, the total monthly Fire Protection charge then in effect shall not be reduced should the municipality order one or more hydrants discontinued.

Should the Town order any hydrant moved to a different location, the Town shall pay all costs of moving said hydrant or hydrants.

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IV. SERVICE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

All present and future buildings or water services owned or operated by the municipality or owned or operated by any present or future municipal school, sewer or other districts or any subdivision thereof, shall be metered and same shall be billed at the regular filed meter rates. Further, the regular Private Fire Protection rates, if applicable, shall apply also to the above-mentioned property. The municipality shall be bound by the applicable Terms and Conditions as filed with the Public Utilities Commission.

RATES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available for separate connections for Private Fire Protection purposes, including connections to supply Automatic Sprinklers and Private Hydrants. Service is available only upon application to and approval by the Company. No unauthorized water use will be permitted.

RATE

<u>SERVICE CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>-OR- SYSTEM DEMAND</u>	<u>RATE PER MONTH</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ALLOWED PRIVATE HYDRANT(S) WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CHARGE</u>
2" or less	1 - 199 gpm	\$ 29.64	None
3"	100 - 199 gpm	29.64	None
4"	200 - 399 gpm	59.27	1 Hydrant
6"	400 - 699 gpm	83.83	1 Hydrant
8"	700 - 999 gpm	154.11	2 Hydrants
10"	1,000 - 1,999 gpm	276.07	3 Hydrants
12"	2,000 + gpm	445.12	4 Hydrants

There will be no additional charge (over and above the connection charge) for sprinkler heads as such.

For each private hydrant installed over the allowed maximum, there shall be an additional charge of \$73.10 per month.

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WATER INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE (WISC)

This schedule is applicable to all customers in the territory taking water service, including metered, unmetered, and municipal and private fire protection.

Metered Customers, including Seasonal -Consumption Charge

Per 100 cubic feet..... \$0.00

Public Fire Protection Charge

City of Biddeford..... \$ 0.00 per month in advance

City of Saco..... \$ 0.00 per month in advance

Town of Old Orchard Beach..... \$ 0.00 per month in advance

Town of Scarborough..... \$ 0.00 per month in advance

Private Fire Protection Charge

<u>SERVICE SIZE</u>	<u>PER MONTH</u>
2" or less	\$ 0.00
3"	\$ 0.00
4"	\$ 0.00
6"	\$ 0.00
8"	\$ 0.00
10"	\$ 0.00
12"	\$ 0.00

Per Private Hydrant over the maximum Allowed per connection size \$0.00

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RATES FOR SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL SERVICE

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available for all members of the Southern Maine Regional Water Council (SMRWC) for resale to their customers during short duration events when capacity is available in order to increase or improve the resilience of member utilities.

RATES

Monthly Billing Consumption Charge

Marginal Rate            Per Million Gallons (MG). . . \$ 881.89 plus any OT labor to support

This rate is based on the marginal cost to produce water and is available for short duration events when capacity is available in order to increase the resilience of member utilities. The rate will be volumetric and metered at the existing interconnections with KKWD.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:** Bills under these rates are net and will be due and payable upon presentation. All billings will be in arrears unless otherwise noted; public and private fire connection charges shall be due and payable in advance on a monthly basis. Billing procedures are further defined in Section III of the Company's Terms and Conditions. Whether the billing is monthly, quarterly or seasonal is at the option of the Company.

In the event that the bill is not paid within 25 days from the postmarked date of the bill, the charges become subject to a late payment charge as defined in the Company's Terms and Conditions.

For a schedule of other charges and fees, please refer to the Terms and Conditions.

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Deferred Revenue Surcharge (Surcharge)

This schedule is applicable to all customers in the territory taking water service, including metered, unmetered, and municipal and private fire protection. The Deferred Revenue Surcharge is designed to recover six months of revenue deferred from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. A new revenue requirement was approved as of January 1, 2024, however, the new rates designed to fully recover the new revenue requirement did not become effective and were not applied to bills until July 1, 2024. The amount to be recovered by the Surcharge is the amount not collected (deferred) during that six month period.

The Surcharge will be applied during an approximately 24-month period beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending when the deferred revenues have been fully recovered. The Surcharge will be calculated as the total of the customer's water charges multiplied by 0.0143 and identified as a separate line item charge on each customer's bill.

Upon full recovery of the deferred revenue, the company will discontinue the Surcharge.

All Customers

.0143 x Billed Amount

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