

Notice to Lewiston Water Customers

Changes That Could Affect Your Water Rate

The City of Auburn/Auburn Water District and the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission are considering changes to zoning and septic sewer system ordinances around Lake Auburn. As you know, the lake provides the drinking water for both Lewiston and Auburn.

If the proposed zoning and septic ordinances are adopted by the City of Auburn, this will allow for more residential and commercial development. This increased development in the Lake Auburn watershed may increase the runoff of phosphorus and other chemicals leading to a decline in water quality of Lake Auburn.

If there is a decline in water quality, this will require Lewiston to build a drinking water filtration plant at an approximate cost of \$40-\$60 million with operational costs of additional \$1 million per year.

Construction costs and operating costs of a drinking water filtration plant will increase the amount you pay for water. Initial estimates project that *current water rates could more than double (2x) for Lewiston water customers.*

IMPORTANT MEETING TIMELINE:

The Auburn Planning Board Workshop:
(Proposed zoning and septic ordinances)

Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Auburn Hall, 60 Court St, Auburn

The Auburn City Council:
(First reading proposed zoning and septic ordinances)

Monday April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Auburn Hall, 60 Court St, Auburn

The Auburn City Council:
(Adopt proposed zoning and septic ordinances)

Monday May 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Auburn Hall, 60 Court St, Auburn

If you would like to express your opinion about your drinking water and the costs of filtration, you may:

1. Contact the Maine Public Utilities Commission:
www.maine.gov/meopa/puc-information/file-a-complaint
2. Contact a City of Auburn Elected Official:
www.auburnmaine.gov/pages/government/City-Council
3. Contact an Auburn Water District Official:
www.awsd.org/contact-us-2/
4. Contact the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission:
www.lakeauburnwater.org