

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING**

April 28, 2026

A public hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Kirkwood for the year 2026 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Water Rates" was held on April 28, 2026 at 6 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Lewis Grubham presiding.

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham
Councilmember Marc Latini
Councilmember Katie Legg
Councilmember Sandy Wasson

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk
Poe Williams, Highway Superintendent
Karen Ferguson, Historian

Supervisor Grubham opened the hearing to public comments. Brian Kinney of Route 11 asked if there was a commercial water rate versus a residential water rate in the Town. Supervisor Grubham responded, stating that residents pay a set amount for up to 2,000 cubic feet, and commercial users pay that same rate but then there are rates for anything over 2,000 cubic feet. Brian Kinney was interested in the fire suppression lines that are used in commercial buildings, such as Felchars and NYSEG, if they were metered since they use an abundance of water when they are testing the equipment. Supervisor Grubham mentioned that they are not metered and it could be difficult to figure out how to meter those fire lines. The water rate increase that is proposed is just for water usage itself, not for permit fees. Brian Kinney suggested if a commercial company acquired a hydrant permit to get water that would be cheaper than a residential house payment for water. Supervisor Grubham said he would need to look into that, although it would not be potable water. The hydrant fees were raised quite a bit about a year ago. Brian Kinney questioned if all water rates and permit fees would be increased across the board. Pool permit fee rates are not affected by this proposed amendment.

Supervisor Grubham closed the hearing at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk