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May 12, 2006

Dear Irvington Water Department Customer:

The last full increase in water and sewer rates for Irvington Water Department customers was in 1992. Over the past 15 years, the wholesale cost of water has risen in excess of 500% along with annual increases in personnel and maintenance costs to maintain the water system. In response to these increases, on May 1, 2006, the Village Board adopted an **increase in water and sewer rates of 65%**. In addition, excess usage threshold has been lowered from 125 CCF down to 100 CCF. Water usage in excess of 100 CCF during any quarterly billing period will be billed at a rate approximately 2.5 times higher than the base rate. The revised rates go into effect on June 1, 2006.

Over the past decade, water rates for Irvington customers have been lower than those of surrounding communities. After this rate increase, Irvington rates will be comparable to those communities.

Specifically, water and sewer rates (if applicable) for customers **inside the Village of Irvington** will be as follows:

<u>Usage Range</u>	<u>Water Rate (per CCF)</u>	<u>Sewer Rate (per CCF)</u>
Usage up to 100 CCF *	\$3.35	\$0.33
Usage over 100 CCF	\$8.39	\$0.83

* One CCF = 100 cubic feet or approximately 748 gallons

Water and sewer rates (if applicable) for customers **outside the Village of Irvington** will be as follows:

<u>Usage Range</u>	<u>Water Rate (per CCF)</u>	<u>Sewer Rate (per CCF)</u>
Usage up to 100 CCF	\$5.55	\$0.53
Usage over 100 CCF	\$13.86	\$1.32

A full water rate analysis along with the complete listing of rates for all units of measure can be found at the Irvington web site at WWW.IRVINGTONNY.GOV or by calling the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office at 591-7070.

Also, on the reverse side of this letter you will find water conservation tips to help you reduce your water usage. More information can be found at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection web site at WWW.NYC.GOV/HTML/DEP/HTML/HCISW.HTML.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Schopfer
Clerk-Treasurer