# OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN BURLINGTON
# UNUSED WATER METERS
# WILL BE CHARGED FEE  BEGINNING JANUARY 15, 2018

Over the past year, City of Burlington has worked with the   Midwest Assistance Program on an in-depth rate study.  The results of the comprehensive study show that we must increase our water rates in order to keep up with the rising costs of running the Water Treatment Plant and producing high-quality drinking water for our consumers.

On November 1st, the Governing Body of City of Burlington, after much deliberation, adopted Ordinance 854 to increase water rates.  The new rates will not become effective until January 15, 2018.

In addition to raising rates for water used by our consumers, Midwest Assistance Program strongly advised us to implement a Base Access Charge on every unused water meter.  The Base Access Charge is for providing access and availability of water and fire protection, and to meet regulatory requirements for the water system and peak demands.  *Please remember that having a water meter on the property may increase the property's value.*

**The Base Access Charge for unused water meters, will take effect on January 15, 2018.**

*Lots with a meter, no structure, and meter is off:*     Base Access Charge $8.54 per month per meter.

*Lots with a meter, with structure, and meter is off:*     Base Access Charge $21.35 per month per meter.

*Downtown Buildings, Structure and meter is off:*     Base Access Charge $21.35 per month per meter.
   *(Meter may be under buildings)*

## PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE TWO OPTIONS:

**Option 1:**    **Remove meter(s):  Contact City Hall and request removal by City .**

   a.   **There will be no charge to customers for meter removal.**

   b.   **However, if a meter is wanted later, before installation the owner must pay the $500 or current meter charge for each meter to be installed.**

**Option 2:**    **Do nothing:  Meter will be left in.  You will be charged the Base Access Charge each month.**

**Please contact City Hall if you have a meter you want removed.  (Phone:  620-364-5334)**

**Thank you for your cooperation,**

**City of Burlington**