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# **Meeting on Management & Operating Costs**

University Neighborhood Housing Program July 14, 2021

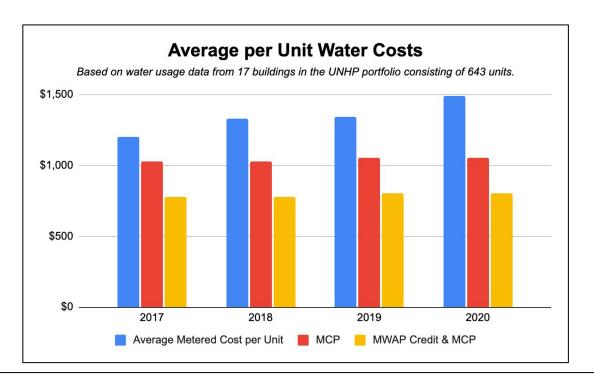
### **Agenda**

- Water & Sewer Costs
  - a. Water rate increase
  - b. Multifamily Water Assistance Program
  - c. Sustainable Rate Structure Working Group
- 2. Insurance Costs
  - a. UNHP data collection
  - b. HCR study on insurance rates
  - c. HCR meeting
- Rental Issues
  - a. Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
  - b. Marketing through Housing Connect
  - c. Vacancies & homeless units
- Local Laws
  - a. Local Law 11
  - b. Local Law 152



#### **UNHP Water Portfolio**

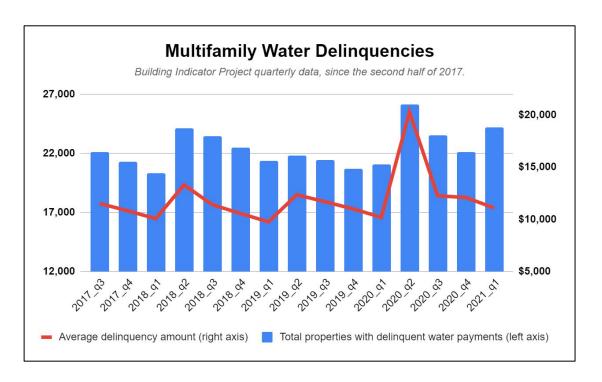
- In 2020 the average metered cost per unit in UNHP's portfolio was nearly \$1,500. Increased consumption in 2020 was likely due to stay-at-home orders at the start of the pandemic.
- Multifamily Conservation Program (MCP) billing water costs remained stable at around \$1,050 per unit.
- Multifamily Water Assistance Program (MWAP) can add \$250 per unit of credits on top of MCP.





## **Building Indicator Project Water Data**

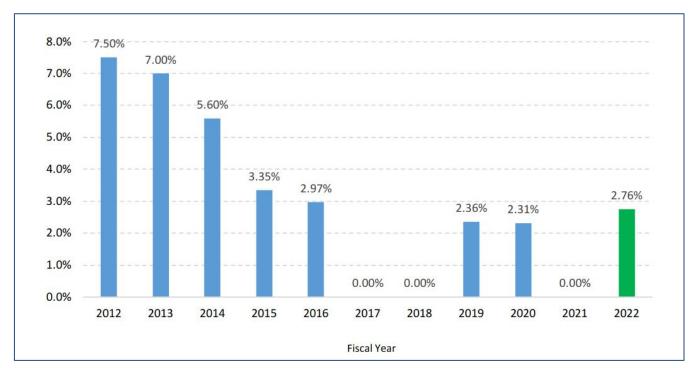
- UNHP receives data on overdue water charges by property from DEP on a quarterly basis.
- Overdue water charges are an early sign of building distress (the first expense an owner may defer).
- Data are seasonal, but show a recent uptick in the number of delinquent properties.





### **2022 Water Rate Proposal**

- DEP is proposing a 2.76% rate increase, effective July 1, 2021.
- Increase in delinquency penalty from 5% to 18% for all property with taxable assessed values more than \$250k.
- Sustainable Rate Structure Analysis: <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/whats-new/sustainable-rate-structure-analysis.page">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/whats-new/sustainable-rate-structure-analysis.page</a>

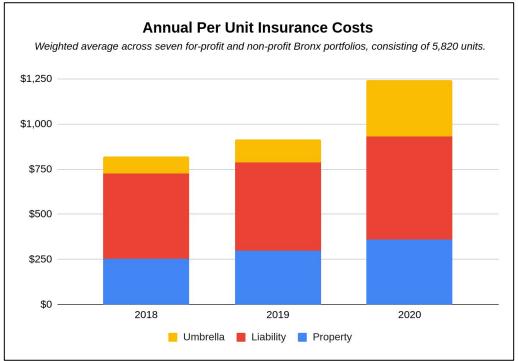




Source: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycwaterboard/downloads/pdf/minutes and resolutions/wb-meeting-materials-05-10-21.pdf

# **UNHP Insurance Survey**

- Over the last three years, total insurance premiums have risen \$488 per unit, or on average approximately 62%.
- Umbrella premiums are the fastest increasing from a percentage perspective, but they are the least significant from an absolute dollar perspective. Liability premiums have had by far the largest absolute dollar increases over the past three years.





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