

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TOWN OF LIMA WATER DISTRICT NO. 5 FORMATION

Is there a vote to approve the district formation? Yes, a special election will take place on July 15, 2025 from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Lima Town Hall.

Who can vote at the special election? Any owner of real property located within the proposed district, so long as qualified to vote in New York. A property owner may vote, even if not registered to vote in Livingston County, NY. If a property is owned by a Limited Liability Company or Corporation, such entity must appoint one person to vote on its behalf. You should bring evidence of such appointment with you to vote. If a property is owned by a trust, each named Trustee is entitled to cast a vote. You should bring evidence of your status as a Trustee when you come to vote. If you recently purchased your property within the proposed district, you should bring a copy of your deed when you come to vote (as the property records might not reflect recent transfers). Each property owner (including LLC's, Corporations and Trusts) is entitled to vote only one time, even if they own multiple properties within the proposed district.

Are absentee ballots available for the special election? No, property owners must appear in person to cast a vote.

What will be the recurring cost to me if the district formation is approved? It depends on water usage. Each property/unit that receives water will pay an annual debt service charge of approximately \$665.73, which will continue for 38 years. Typical water usage per household of 50,000 gallons per year will result in water purchase costs of approximately \$410.00 per year. The total anticipated cost of debt service and water usage for the typical property is approximately \$1,076.00 per year.

If my house is in the district, but I do not want to connect to the water, will I be charged? Yes, any dwelling that is capable of connecting to the water main will have to pay 1 unit of debt service (approximately \$665.73 per year), even if not connected. This will be charged on the annual Town and County real property tax bill that is issued every January.

If my property is vacant land within the new district, do I have to pay debt service? Not if property is a part of a NYS certified agricultural district. If not a part of a NYS certified agricultural district, yes, but at a reduced rate. Vacant developable land will pay 50% of the debt service charge; Vacant undevelopable land will pay 10% of the debt service charge.

Do multiple family residences or apartments pay more? Yes, the first residential dwelling unit is charged 1 unit of debt service, and each additional residential dwelling unit on the

same property is charged 1 unit of debt service for purposes of calculating total debt service payment.

What one-time costs will I be charged if the district formation is approved? If you want to connect to the water main, you will be responsible for the installation of the service line from your property line to your house or business, estimated to cost \$30.00 per linear foot. Additional costs include well separation and internal plumbing modifications, along with a fixed fee of \$250.00 to the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority (which includes a new water meter). Property owners can select their preferred contractor or self-install the service line, so long as proper materials and connection processes are followed.

Will the project provide fire protection? Yes, the project improvements will include fire hydrants located approximately every 500 – 800 feet along the transmission mains.

Does the district formation need to be approved by more than 50% of the property owners in the district? No, the vote either to approve or not approve the proposed district will be decided by the majority of those property owners that

What is the timeline for completion of the project? It is estimated that the project will be completed in 3 to 5 years.