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Town of Watertown Statement on Fire District Agreement and Waterbury Judgment

WATERTOWN, CT - The Town of Watertown issues the following response to the recent statement by the Watertown Fire District concerning contractual obligations and the judgment obtained by the City of Waterbury.

The relationship between the Town and the Fire District regarding sewage collection and transmission to the Waterbury Sewage Treatment Plant is governed by a 1976 agreement. Under this binding contract, the Fire District must pay the Town the same sewage treatment rates that Waterbury charges, along with its share of operating costs. This obligation is not optional and ensures that all users of the system contribute fairly.

While the Fire District has publicly stated it is not responsible for any portion of the Waterbury judgment, its 2024 Audit confirms this responsibility, recording a \$4 million liability tied to Waterbury's rate increases. Residents within the Fire District have benefited from Town services and, under the agreement, must share in these costs.

The Town of Watertown will continue to ensure fairness for all ratepayers and remains committed to working with the Fire District in good faith. The Town's goal is to achieve transparent, equitable, and sustainable outcomes for the entire community while addressing the Waterbury judgment.

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