

As disclosed at the City Council hearing Queens Civic Congress [testified](#) at yesterday, City Hall plans to double digit gouge New Yorkers for the 4th year in a row. Others who testified for us include Queens Borough President Helen Marshall and representatives of City Comptroller Bill [Thompson](#) and the [Queens Chamber](#) of Commerce. Thank you to Committee Chairs James Gennaro (Environmental Protection) and David Weprin (Finance) for holding the hearing. Thank you to the following Council Members who attended: Gale Brewer, Leroy Comrie, Liz Crowley, Matthieu Eugene, Lew Fidler, Alan Gerson, Eric Gioia, Vincent Ignizio, Robert Jackson, Letitia James, Oliver Koppell, James Oddo, Dominic Recchia, Diana Reyna, Helen Sear, Erich Ulrich, James Vacca, and Peter Vallone. - Corey Bearak, President, QCC



http://www.nypost.com/seven/04292009/news/regionalnews/new_water_torture_big_rate_hikes_166751.htm#comments

NEW WATER TORTURE: BIG RATE HIKES

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The 14 percent water rate hike on tap this year could be followed by another wallet-crunching 12 percent increase in 2010, officials reported yesterday.

That would represent the fourth double-digit boost since 2007 and would propel the annual water bill for typical one-family homeowners past the \$1,000 mark for the first time.

"One could say water rates are really out of control," fumed City Councilman Jimmy Vacca (D-Bronx) at a tense City Hall hearing.

The Water Board seems certain to approve a 14 percent rate increase requested by the Department of Environmental Protection at its next meeting May 15, increasing the average bill from \$799 to \$911.

Another 12 percent is in the forecast for 2010, a figure not previously disclosed.

That would drive up the average tab to \$1,020.

Read the 4/29/09 Daily News [report](#) on the Bronx hearing, Bronx residents boiling over third straight year of water rate hikes, Bronx residents boiling over third straight year of water rate hikes.