



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019—2:00 p.m.
Place: City of Santa Barbara Council Chambers, City Hall
 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATES FOR: FISCAL YEARS 2020, 2021, AND 2022

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are a City of Santa Barbara wastewater utility customer. If you are not a City wastewater customer, please disregard this Notice.

This Notice describes proposed changes to wastewater rates and explains how you can participate in the public process. The City's wastewater rates are based on a comprehensive rate study that uses a rate model to evaluate the cost of wastewater service for each customer class, as required by California Proposition 218.

Why are wastewater rates changing?

The City's Wastewater System plays a leading role in the protection of public health and the environment. This complex system includes 256 miles of sewer mains, 7 lift stations, 25 creek crossings, over 7,000 access structures (manholes and cleanouts), 2 miles of pressurized force mains, and the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Maintaining the wastewater system requires a proactive commitment to investing in the capital infrastructure and resources necessary to keep this vital system operating 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The proposed rate changes will enable the City to meet the needs of the Wastewater system, including operating and maintenance costs, capital improvements, mandated standards of treatment, debt service, contingency reserves, and other financial obligations.

What goes into a wastewater bill?

Residential wastewater bills are made up of two key components: (1) a volumetric charge based on water usage, and (2) a fixed monthly service charge. For all single-family and certain multi-family residential units, wastewater volumetric charges are assessed for only a portion of their water use. Commercial customers are charged the greater of their volumetric charges or minimum monthly bill amount based on meter size.

How will the proposed changes impact my wastewater bill?

The table below shows sample wastewater bills for common service levels.

Customer Class	Example	Usage (hcf/mth)	Total Monthly Wastewater Charges			
			Current Bill	FY 20 Proposed Bill	Difference	% Change
Single Family Residential	5/8" meter	9	\$50.32	\$50.90	\$0.58	1.2%
	5/8" meter	12	\$53.73	\$54.27	\$0.54	1.0%
Multi-Family Residential: 4 or less Units*	2 dwelling units	8	\$66.54	\$68.10	\$1.56	2.3%
Multi-Family Residential: 5 or more Units**	10 dwelling units	36	\$319.06	\$327.02	\$7.96	2.5%
Commercial	2" meter	95	\$367.65	\$396.15	\$28.50	7.8%
Commercial High Strength/Industrial	2" meter	95	\$446.50	\$494.00	\$47.50	10.6%

Water Rates

In August 2017, Council adopted water rates for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Fiscal Year 2020 rates will go into effect on July 1, 2019. Moderate (10 HCF) single family water users with a 5/8" meter will see their monthly bills increase \$1.56, or 1.3%, in Fiscal Year 2020.

*Applicable to all accounts serving two to four detached dwelling units, Accessory Dwelling Units served by their own water meter, and all accounts serving a dwelling unit attached to no more than 3 additional dwelling units.

**Applicable to all accounts serving five or more dwelling units, and to accounts serving a dwelling unit attached to 4 or more additional dwelling units.

TABLE 1—WASTEWATER PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL FIXED AND VOLUMETRIC RATES. 1 HCF (HUNDRED CUBIC FEET) = 748 GALLONS. DU = DWELLING UNIT

Customer Class	Charge Type	Current	Proposed		
			FY20	FY21	FY22
Single Family Residential	Monthly Basic Charge (\$/Dwelling Unit)	\$19.63	\$20.57	\$21.60	\$22.68
	Volumetric Charge up to 10 HCF (\$/HCF)	\$3.41	\$3.37	\$3.53	\$3.71
Multi-Family Residential 4 or less Dwellings	Monthly Fixed Charge (\$/Dwelling Unit on account)	\$19.63	\$20.57	\$21.60	\$22.68
	Volumetric Charge up to 10 HCF per DU (\$/HCF)	\$3.41	\$3.37	\$3.53	\$3.71
Multi-Family Residential 5+ Dwellings	Monthly Fixed Charge (\$/Dwelling Unit on account)	\$19.63	\$20.57	\$21.60	\$22.68
	Volumetric Charge (\$/HCF)	\$3.41	\$3.37	\$3.53	\$3.71

Commercial and Commercial High Strength/Industrial customers are charged a fixed charge based on meter size (Tables 2-3), or a volumetric charge based on the quantity of water consumed (Table 4), whichever is greater.

TABLE 2— WASTEWATER PROPOSED COMMERCIAL FIXED CHARGES BY METER SIZE

	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"
Current	\$36.90	\$55.36	\$64.40	\$110.55	\$184.30	\$368.46	\$459.87	\$921.12	\$1,611.98	\$2,474.35
FY20	\$39.35	\$59.04	\$68.68	\$117.89	\$196.54	\$392.92	\$490.40	\$982.28	\$1,719.01	\$2,638.64
FY21	\$41.32	\$61.99	\$72.11	\$123.78	\$206.36	\$412.57	\$514.92	\$1,031.39	\$1,804.96	\$2,770.57
FY22	\$43.39	\$65.09	\$75.72	\$129.97	\$216.68	\$433.20	\$540.67	\$1,082.96	\$1,895.21	\$2,909.10

TABLE 3— WASTEWATER PROPOSED COMMERCIAL HIGH STRENGTH/INDUSTRIAL FIXED CHARGES BY METER SIZE

	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"
Current	\$46.00	\$69.00	\$80.63	\$138.50	\$230.31	\$460.49	\$575.80	\$1,151.37	\$2,014.84	\$3,166.36
FY20	\$50.85	\$76.28	\$89.13	\$153.10	\$254.59	\$509.04	\$636.51	\$1,272.76	\$2,227.27	\$3,500.20
FY21	\$53.39	\$80.09	\$93.59	\$160.76	\$267.32	\$534.49	\$668.33	\$1,336.40	\$2,338.64	\$3,675.21
FY22	\$56.06	\$84.09	\$98.27	\$168.80	\$280.69	\$561.21	\$701.75	\$1,403.22	\$2,455.57	\$3,858.97

TABLE 4— WASTEWATER PROPOSED VOLUMETRIC RATES (\$/HCF)

Customer Class	Current	Proposed		
		FY20	FY21	FY22
Commercial	\$3.87	\$4.17	\$4.38	\$4.60
Commercial High Strength/Industrial	\$4.70	\$5.20	\$5.46	\$5.73

TABLE 5— WASTEWATER PROPOSED STRENGTH SURCHARGES (\$/LB)***

Year	BOD (>750 mg/l)	TSS (>850 mg/l)	Ammonia (>90 mg/l)
FY20	\$0.28	\$0.38	\$0.89
FY21	\$0.30	\$0.40	\$0.93
FY22	\$0.32	\$0.42	\$0.98

***If the City's Water Resources Laboratory determines that a customer has exceeded the high strength discharge limit for Biochemical Oxygen (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), or Ammonia, a surcharge will be assessed for each constituent in excess of its relative limit.



Scan this code or visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WRC for more information.

- **How do I protest?** If you wish to protest any of the above increases, please deliver your protest **in writing and signed**, including your name and service address, to the City Clerk's Office at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to or during the City Council's **PUBLIC HEARING** on **JUNE 11, 2019**. If you wish to submit your protest during the public hearing, please deliver it to City Staff in the Council Chambers. Protests are public records. Please note, the rates included in this Notice are the highest possible rates that could go into effect July 1, 2019.
- **When do the new rates take effect?** City Council will consider adopting wastewater rates on **JUNE 18, 2019**. The new rates will be **effective JULY 1, 2019**.
- Stay informed by **Watching** City Council meetings live online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV, **Exploring** up-to-date information on rates and the operation of the Wastewater system by visiting SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WRC or scanning the QR code above, **Contacting** City staff at (805) 564-5460, and **Attending** City Council meetings.
- **Para información en Español, llame al (805) 564-5343**