

SEWER RATES AND FEES

Title 14 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to set water and sewer service charges;

Section 14.40.010 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the establishment by resolution of sewer service charges; and

Title 16 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to control and regulate discharges into the sewer system and to establish quantity standards, fees, and controls for dischargers.

Definitions

Wherever used in this resolution, the following words shall have the meanings set forth beside them:

- A. "Composite sample." Two or more aliquot samples taken from the same waste stream over a period longer than fifteen (15) minutes.
- B. "Director." The Director of the City Public Works Department or his or her designated representative.
- C. "Hcf." 100 cubic feet.
- D. "Sewer" or "City sewer system." Any and all artificial conduits owned and operated by the City or any other public agency that are tributary to any wastewater treatment facility operated by the City.
- E. "Person." Any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, association, corporation, joint stock company, trust, estate, government entity, or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents, or assigns. This definition includes all Federal, State, and Local government entities.
- F. "Waste." Sewage and any and all other waste substances, liquid, solid, gaseous, or radioactive, associated with human habitation, or of human or animal origin, or from any producing, manufacturing or processing operation of whatever nature.
- G. "Wastewater." Waste or water, treated or untreated, which is discharged into or permitted to enter a sewer.

1. Sewer Service Rates.

The following monthly rates and charges shall apply to use of sewers by the following categories of customers:

A. Residential

Service Charge

1. Applicable to all accounts serving one detached dwelling unit:

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
i. Fixed charge:	\$20.57	\$21.60	\$22.68
ii. Plus, charge based on the quantity of water consumed:			
	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
1 Hcf to 10 Hcf:	\$3.37/HCF	\$3.53/HCF	\$3.71/HCF
Over 10 Hcf:	No additional charge		

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

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
i. Fixed charge per dwelling unit on account:	\$20.57	\$21.60	\$22.68
ii. Plus, charge based on the quantity of water consumed, up to the account cap. The account cap is equal to 10 HCF multiplied by the number of dwelling units on the account:			
	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
Up to cap:	\$3.37/HCF	\$3.53/HCF	\$3.71/HCF
Over cap:	No additional charge		

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

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
i. Fixed charge per dwelling unit on account:	\$20.57	\$21.60	\$22.68
ii. Plus, charge based on the quantity of water consumed:			
	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
	\$3.37/HCF	\$3.53/HCF	\$3.71/HCF

4. A residential account that does not receive City water service shall be charged the maximum rate for the appropriate category, regardless of the quantity of water used, except to the extent that water usage for the account is reported to the City on a monthly basis by the water service provider in a manner prescribed by the City.

B. Commercial Class

Applicable to all light commercial uses, including, but not limited to, office/professional buildings, banks, institutional and public buildings, schools, colleges, day cares, churches, retail and department stores, utilities/water companies, light manufacturing, auto sales/repair/storage, car washes, warehouses, packing plants, parks, recreation, golf courses, auditorium/stadiums, clubs/lodge halls, parking lots, nurseries and greenhouses, rest homes, common areas of condominium projects, community apartment projects, and mobile home parks; mixed use (commercial and residential) projects; industrial condos, hotels; bed and breakfasts; service stations; miscellaneous industrial uses; lumber yards/mills; heavy industry; mineral processing; self-service laundry; hospitals; tasting rooms that do not manufacture alcoholic beverages onsite; shopping centers, both regional and neighborhood, and self-service laundry facilities located within multi-family housing complexes provided that the discharge characteristics are limited to wastes typical of other uses in this class, the greater of:

1. Quantity of water consumed:	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
(\$/HCF)	\$4.17	\$4.38	\$4.60

Or

2. Charge based on water meter size:

	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
5/8"	\$39.35	\$41.32	\$43.39
3/4"	\$59.04	\$61.99	\$65.09
1"	\$68.68	\$72.11	\$75.72
1 1/2"	\$117.89	\$123.78	\$129.97
2"	\$196.54	\$206.36	\$216.68
3"	\$392.92	\$412.57	\$433.20
4"	\$490.40	\$514.92	\$540.67
6"	\$982.28	\$1,031.39	\$1,082.96
8"	\$1,719.01	\$1,804.96	\$1,895.21

10"	\$2,638.64	\$2,770.57	\$2,909.10
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C. High Strength and Industrial Class.

Applicable to all high strength commercial or industrial uses, including, but not limited to, food processing establishments, including bakeries; donut shops; butchers; restaurants (including fast food restaurants); delicatessens; hotels/motels with restaurants; industrial launderers; supermarkets/grocery stores; seafood processors; dairy processors; and alcoholic beverage producers, including breweries, wineries, and distilleries. Also applicable to mortuaries, cemeteries and mausoleums; and other commercial establishments with waste characteristics similar to those included above. The greater of:

	Service Charge		
	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
1. Quantity of water consumed (\$/HCF):	\$5.20	\$5.46	\$5.73

Or

2. Charge based on water meter size:

	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
5/8"	\$ 50.85	\$53.39	\$56.06
3/4"	\$76.28	\$80.09	\$84.09
1"	\$89.13	\$93.59	\$98.27
1 1/2"	\$153.10	\$160.76	\$160.80
2"	\$ 254.59	\$267.32	\$280.69
3"	\$509.04	\$534.49	\$561.21
4"	\$636.51	\$668.33	\$701.75
6"	\$ 1,272.76	\$1,336.40	\$1,403.22
8"	\$2,227.27	\$2,338.64	\$2,455.57
10"	\$3,500.20	\$3,675.21	\$3,858.97

D. The quantity of "water consumed" refers to the quantity of metered water service, other than through irrigation meters, provided monthly to a parcel having one or more connections to the City sewer system.

1. Where the quantity of wastewater which enters the sewer connection(s) to a particular parcel is substantially less than the quantity of metered service to the parcel, a sewer service customer shall be charged only for the

quantity of wastewater discharged to the sewer connections to the customer's property, provided the customer demonstrates annually to the satisfaction of the Director the amount of wastewater actually discharged monthly and annually from the property to the City sewer system.

2. Where the quantity of wastewater which enters the sewer connection(s) to a particular parcel is substantially more than the quantity of metered water service to the parcel, the sewer service customer shall be charged for the quantity of wastewater actually discharged to the sewer connections to the customer's property. The customer shall demonstrate monthly to the satisfaction of the Director the amount of wastewater actually discharged monthly and annually from the property to the City sewer system.

The above sewer charges shall be billed (i) effective the date of the sewer connection or (ii) as otherwise provided by written agreement of the customer and the Director.

E. Wastewater Strength Surcharges (\$/LB)

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.

	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
BOD (>750 mg/l)	\$0.28	\$0.30	\$0.32
TSS (>850 mg/l)	\$0.38	\$0.40	\$0.42
Ammonia (>90 mg/l)	\$0.89	\$0.93	\$0.98

- F. An account holder may request a change to their customer classification by filing a written request with the Public Works Director. The request must identify the requested classification and contain a detailed statement supporting the change based on water use patterns, wastewater strength characteristics, or other sewer service characteristics. The Director will document a decision on the request in writing. Any change in classification approved by the Director will go in effect upon commencement of the next complete billing cycle. The decision of the Director is final and not subject to appeal. The Director may delegate the authority under this provision.

2. Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program Charges

Every Person required to obtain a permit under Title 16 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code shall be required to pay fees and charges as set forth below:

- A. For each permit application submitted, a permit application fee is applicable.

1. \$ 155.17 per permit
- B. Where sampling is necessary no more than two times per year and (i) requires collection of a composite sample or (ii) more than one analysis:
 1. \$ 233.84 annual permit fee
 2. \$ 155.17 per resample
- C. Where sampling is necessary more than two times per year and (i) requires collection of a composite sample or (ii) more than one analysis:
 1. \$ 1,690.45 annual permit fee
 2. \$ 155.17 per resample

3. Sewer Service Connections

- A. The following charges shall apply for each connection of a sewer lateral to the City sewer system, and shall be in addition to any applicable capacity charges:

Sewer Lateral Size	Fee
4"	\$ 952.75
6"	\$ 952.75

Applicants for such connections shall coordinate with City staff in advance of the appointed installation time to determine required site preparations. If City staff determines that such preparation is not complete at the scheduled start time, a rescheduling fee of \$ 509.85 will be charged and the connection will be rescheduled upon payment of such fee.

- B. If a sewer main is damaged during installation or replacement of a lateral or during other similar work affecting City sewer lines, an additional fee equal to the greater of \$ 238.22 per lineal foot of sewer line needing repair or replacement, or \$ 361.69 per hour plus the cost of materials including fifteen percent markup, shall be charged to the person(s) who caused such damage.

4. Wastewater Discharge Other Than Through An Approved Sewer Connection.

The following service charge shall apply to all discharges of wastewater permitted pursuant to Municipal Code Section 16.04.080 and 16.04.090:

\$ 11.47 per 100 gallons. Charges shall be assessed on the metered discharge or on the rated capacity of the tank discharging the wastewater if no meter is available.

5. Wastewater Miscellaneous Fees

- A. The following service charges shall apply for services of City wastewater staff upon application of a property owner, contractor, or other applicant, or where

such services are deemed necessary by City staff to prevent or mitigate damage to the City collection system or violation of regulations related to the collection system:

1. Hourly rate for a two-person crew with heavy duty equipment, including emergency response, containment, control and recovery, data input, and reporting related to a private sewer lateral overflow: \$ 369.34 per hour
2. Hourly rate for a two-person crew with light duty equipment, including CCTV inspection of a sewer main: \$ 245.86 per hour
3. Priority request for City assistance with sewer related issues at a time sooner than the next available opening: \$ 245.86 per individual request, per day, in addition to other applicable fees
4. Hourly rate for a two-person crew with heavy duty equipment including emergency response, containment, control and recovery, data input and reporting to a sanitary sewer overflow or blockage caused by a private party where that party can clearly be identified: \$ 369.34 per hour

B. Delinquency Fee: \$8.00 per account, per month, for any billing period in which a delinquent unpaid balance exists.

C. Returned Payment Fee: See Delinquent Check Payment Fee under Finance Administrative Fees.

6. Effective Date.

The rates and charges specified herein shall be effective on July 1, 2019, except that, with respect to wastewater rates that are based on metered use of water, the wastewater rates specified herein shall commence upon the customer's first billing cycle where all water use occurs after June 30, 2019.