



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WASTEWATER AND TRASH & RECYCLING RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

**Date:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** City of Santa Barbara Council Chambers, City Hall  
 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

# PROPOSED CITY FISCAL YEAR 2017 WASTEWATER AND TRASH & RECYCLING RATES

(Applicable only to customers billed by the City of Santa Barbara for wastewater and/or trash & recycling)

You are receiving this Notice because our records indicate that you are a City of Santa Barbara utility customer. This Notice describes the proposed wastewater (sewer), and trash & recycling rate changes and explains how you can participate in the process.

### ***Wastewater Rate Changes***

The proposed wastewater rate change is a 5.5% percent increase to the City's current charges for all customer classes. The maximum monthly charge for a single family residential customer would increase by \$2.51 under the proposed rates. The proposed increase will fund improvements to and replacement of critical facilities used to treat wastewater, including repair of the City's aging sewer system, and will fund system operations.

### ***How will the proposed changes impact my wastewater bill?***

Some common service levels are represented in the table below.

Customer Class	Example	Assumed Monthly Usage (hcf/mth)*	Total Monthly Wastewater Charges		
			Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Increase
Single Family Residential	Low User 5/8" meter	4	\$28.08	\$29.63	\$1.55
	Moderate User 5/8" meter	10	\$45.36	\$47.87	\$2.51
Multi-Family Residential Building	12 dwelling units 2" meter	60	\$371.52	\$392.04	\$20.52
Commercial Classes 1, 2, & 3	2" meter	60	\$195.60	\$206.40	\$10.80
Commercial Class 4	2" meter	100	\$396.00	\$418.00	\$22.00

\*Regardless of the amount of water used, the volumetric sewer charge is capped at 10 HCF per month for single family residential customers, 8 HCF per month per unit for multi-family residential (MFR) customers with 1-4 dwelling units and 7 HCF per month per unit for MFR customers with 5 or more dwelling units.

## Trash & Recycling Rate Changes

According to the contract terms with the City's waste hauler, the City must increase rates to pay MarBorg for increases in inflation of 1.3% as measured by the Consumer Price Index, plus 0.7% for an increase in trash disposal fees. The proposed rate schedule includes an increase for Single Family Residential of up to 2%.

As part of the City's long term plan to bring Multi-Unit Residential dumpster and cart/can rates to an equivalent price per gallon on a revenue-neutral basis, rates for Multi-Unit Residential carts and cans will increase by up to 3.5%, and Multi-Unit dumpsters will increase by up to 0.6%. The impact of this change on actual bills will vary depending upon each Multi-Unit Residential customer's specific mix of cans/carts and dumpster service. Please see billing comparisons for impact to typical customers.

Business rates for carts/cans and dumpsters are similarly rebalanced on a revenue-neutral basis to provide for an equivalent price per gallon. Business carts and cans will *decrease* by up to 10.6%, and Business dumpsters will increase by up to 3.7%. The impact of this change on actual bills will vary depending upon each Business customer's specific mix of cans/carts and dumpster service. Please see billing comparisons for impact to typical customers. Additionally, hauling charges for compactor and rolloff containers have been adjusted to reflect the true cost of service.

### How can I reduce my trash bill?

You can reduce your bill by recycling more. Replace some of your trash with low-cost or free recycling service. Call MarBorg at (805) 963-1852 to get started.

### How will the proposed changes impact my trash & recycling bill?

Some common trash & recycling service levels are represented in the table below.

Service Level	Current Rates*	Proposed Rates*	% Change
<b>Common Single Family Residential Service</b> (65-gal trash, 65-gal greenwaste, 65-gal recycle) 1x/week	\$35.54	\$36.25	2.0%
<b>Multi-Unit Residential (Cart/Can Service)</b> (5-95 gal trash, 95-gal greenwaste, 5-95 gal recycle) 1x/week	\$234.78	\$242.92	3.5%
<b>Multi-Unit Residential (Small/Medium Dumpster Service)</b> (4 yard trash, 2 yard recycle) 1x/week	\$363.76	\$365.99	0.6%
<b>Business (Cart/Can Service)</b> (3-95 gal trash, 3-95 gal recycle) 2x/week	\$386.22	\$353.76	-8.4%
<b>Business Dumpster Service</b> (4yd trash, 4yd recycle) 2x/week	\$1014.00	\$1,050.68	3.6%

\* Not including 6% utility tax on trash/recycling collection, as applicable

### 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 of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to or during the City Council's consideration of this item on **June 14, 2016**. 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.

### When do the new rates take effect?

City Council will consider adopting these rates on **June 21, 2016** (one week after the public hearing). The new rates will be effective starting July 1, 2016.

### How do I stay informed?

- **Watch** City Council meetings live online at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV) or tune in to City TV Channel 18.
- **Explore** updated information on rates at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling)
- **Contact** City staff at (805) 564-5460 for wastewater and (805) 564-5631 for trash/recycling. Para información en Español, llame al (805) 564-5342.
- **Attend** City Council meetings; City of Santa Barbara Council Chambers, City Hall, 735 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara.