



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
**PROPOSED CHANGES IN CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WASTEWATER, TRASH
 & RECYCLING RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
Place: City of Santa Barbara Council Chambers, City Hall
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

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 (805) 564-5343.**

PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

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. Some customers are billed by the City for some, but not all, services. This notice applies only to the services that appear on your bill from the City.

Wastewater Rate Changes

The proposed wastewater rate change is a 6% 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 \$2.87 under the proposed rates. The proposed increase will fund improvements to repair and/or replace critical facilities used to collect, convey, and treat wastewater and fund wastewater 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	5/8" meter	6	\$35.71	\$37.84	\$2.13
	5/8" meter	12	\$47.87	\$50.72	\$2.85
Multi-Family Residential Building	12 dwelling units 2" meter	60	\$392.04	\$415.44	\$23.40
Commercial Classes 1, 2, & 3	2" meter	60	\$206.36	\$219.00	\$12.64
Commercial Class 4	2" meter	100	\$418.00	\$443.00	\$25.00

*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 1.2% as measured by the Consumer Price Index, plus 3.6% for an increase in trash disposal fees. Additionally, rates will be increased 0.5% to fund enhanced abandoned waste collection service. The proposed rate schedule includes an increase for all sectors of up to 5.3%.

Please see billing comparisons on the reverse for impact to typical customers.

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
Common Single Family Residential Service (65-gal trash, 65-gal greenwaste, 65-gal recycle) 1x/week	\$36.25	\$38.13	5.3%
Multi-Unit Residential (Cart/Can Service) (5-95 gal trash, 95-gal greenwaste, 5-95 gal recycle) 1x/week	\$242.90	\$255.64	5.3%
Multi-Unit Residential (Small/Medium Dumpster Service) (4 yard trash, 2 yard recycle) 1x/week	\$365.99	\$385.28	5.3%
Business (Cart/Can Service) (3-95 gal trash, 3-95 gal recycle) 2x/week	\$353.77	\$372.09	5.3%
Business Dumpster Service (4yd trash, 4yd recycle) 2x/week	\$1050.68	\$1105.12	5.3%

* 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 **signed and in writing**, 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 13, 2017. (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 20, 2017 (one week after the public hearing). The new rates will be effective starting July 1, 2017.

How can I get more information and copies of the proposed rate schedules?

See www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling or call (805) 564-5387 for wastewater and (805) 564-5631 for trash/recycling.