



City of Sunnyvale  
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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PROPOSED WASTEWATER SERVICE RATE INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18**

The Sunnyvale City Council will hold a public hearing regarding proposed increases to utility rates for City provided water, wastewater, solid waste and recycling services on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 456 W. Olive Avenue in Sunnyvale.**

The City of Sunnyvale owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system within the City of Sunnyvale, northern Cupertino, and part of the City of San Jose. As part of the yearly process of reviewing the financial condition of Sunnyvale's utilities, the City Council considers annual adjustments to the City's wastewater rates.

If you are receiving this notice, it is because you receive a yearly assessment from the City of Sunnyvale on your property tax bill for wastewater service at the above property address.

#### **PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

Wastewater rates pay for the collection and treatment of wastewater from all residences and businesses in the above area. The proposed increase for the upcoming fiscal year is 10 percent for wastewater service. Wastewater rates are based entirely on Sunnyvale's costs of operating and maintaining its wastewater facilities and services. No tax revenues are used to cover the cost of wastewater services.

The proposed increase reflects needed improvements to the City's wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure, and increases in operating and regulatory compliance costs. Specifically, the City has begun a significant effort to rehabilitate its aging sewage treatment plant. This project, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$700 million, will be phased in over fifteen to twenty years.

The rates charged to customers outside of Sunnyvale city limits are the same as charged inside the City with the exception of an administrative fee added to cover the cost of placing the charges on the property tax roll. Rates will become effective upon adoption by the Sunnyvale City Council and will appear on your Santa Clara County property tax bill.

Additional details regarding factors influencing rate changes will be available in the 2017/18 Utility Rate Report to Council. This report will be available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website at [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov). This letter may be made available upon request in alternative formats by calling the City of Sunnyvale Utility Billing Office at 408-730-7400, TDD 408-730-7501.

***Please see the reverse side of this notice for current and proposed annual assessments.***

The current and proposed rates and fees for wastewater service outside of Sunnyvale city limits are:

2017-2018 Fiscal Year	Current Annual Service Charge	Administrative Fee <sup>1</sup>	Total Current Service Charge	Proposed Annual Service Charge	Administrative Fee <sup>1</sup>	Total Proposed Service Charge
<b>Residential Users per Unit</b>						
Single-Family Dwellings	\$514.68	\$5.18	\$519.86	\$566.16	\$5.72	\$571.88
Multi-Family Dwellings	\$332.16	\$3.34	\$335.50	\$365.40	\$3.68	\$369.08
<b>Commercial Users (\$/CCF<sup>2</sup> of Water Consumption<sup>3</sup>)</b>						
Low Strength	\$3.82	\$.02	\$3.84	\$4.20	\$.04	\$4.24
Standard Strength	\$4.23	\$.03	\$4.26	\$4.65	\$.05	\$4.70
High Strength	\$7.24	\$.06	\$7.30	\$7.96	\$.08	\$8.04

<sup>1</sup> Administrative fee is charged by Santa Clara County for processing charges on the tax roll.

<sup>2</sup> One ccf is equal to one hundred cubic feet of water, or 748 gallons.

<sup>3</sup> Annual commercial assessment is based on the prior year total metered water consumption.

### PROTEST PROCESS

If you wish to protest the proposed service rate increase, the City must receive your *written and signed* protest prior to the close of the public hearing on June 20, 2017. As required by California Proposition 218, should the City Council receive written protests from a majority of customers, the proposed rates will not become effective and the current rates will remain in place. Mail or deliver written protests to:

Attention: Utility Rate Protest  
 City of Sunnyvale, Department of Finance  
 650 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-7637

For your protest to be counted, please include one of the following: the address(es) or Assessor's Parcel number(s) of the property(ies) you own. Email protests will not be counted. Protests are limited to one per parcel. If you have any questions about the protest process or proposed rates, please call 408-730-7400, TDD 408-730-7501.

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