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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2012/13**

On **Tuesday, June 12, 2012**, the Sunnyvale City Council will hold a public hearing regarding proposed increases to utility rates for wastewater (sewer) services provided by the City of Sunnyvale. The hearing will be held at **7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 456 W. Olive Ave. in Sunnyvale.**

The City of Sunnyvale owns and operates a small sewer collection system within 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 on your property tax bill for sewer service at the above property address.

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 costs of wastewater services. The proposed 5.5 percent increase detailed below reflects needed improvements to the City's sewer collection and treatment infrastructure, which are anticipated to total \$420 million over the next 20 years. Personnel costs account for approximately 51 percent of the utility expenses in FY 2012/13. Other fund expenses include non-personnel operations costs (21 percent), costs for capital and infrastructure projects including debt service (28 percent), and contributions to reserves (less than 1 percent).

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**PROTEST PROCESS**

If you wish to protest the proposed service rate increases, the City must receive your *written* protest prior to the close of the public hearing on June 12, 2012. 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 Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086-7637

*For your protest to be counted, please include the address(es) or Assessor's Parcel number(s) of the property(ies) you own. 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.*

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

	Current Annual Assessment	Administrative Fee <sup>1</sup>	Total Current Assessment	Proposed Annual Assessment	Administrative Fee <sup>1</sup>	Total Proposed Assessment
<b>Residential Users (per Unit)</b>						
Single Family Dwellings	\$ 370.08	\$ 3.74	\$ 373.82	\$ 390.48	\$ 3.94	\$ 394.42
Multi-Family Dwellings	\$ 231.12	\$ 2.33	\$ 233.45	\$ 243.84	\$ 2.46	\$ 246.30
<b>Commercial Users<sup>2</sup> (\$ per CCF of Water Consumption)</b>						
Low Strength	\$ 2.68	\$ 0.03	\$ 2.71	\$ 2.83	\$ 0.03	\$ 2.86
Standard Strength	\$ 3.01	\$ 0.03	\$ 3.04	\$ 3.18	\$ 0.03	\$ 3.21
High Strength	\$ 4.48	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.53	\$ 4.73	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.78

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

<sup>2</sup>. Annual commercial assessment is based on the prior year total metered water consumption.

Details regarding factors driving rate changes will be available in the 2012/13 Utility Rate Report to Council, available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website ([www.sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov)) at least two weeks prior to the hearing. A comparison between Sunnyvale's rates and those of surrounding communities is available at [UtilityRates.inSunnyvale.com](http://UtilityRates.inSunnyvale.com) or by calling (408) 730-7400, TDD (408) 730-7501.

This letter may be made available in alternative formats upon request by calling the City of Sunnyvale Utility Billing Office at (408) 730-7400, TDD (408) 730-7501.