



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

PROPOSED WASTEWATER SERVICE RATE INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

The Sunnyvale City Council will hold a public hearing and accept oral and written testimony regarding a proposed increase to utility rates for City provided wastewater service on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 7 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located at 456 W. Olive Avenue in Sunnyvale. You are receiving this notice 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 WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES

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

2019-2020 CURRENT ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE				2020-2021 PROPOSED ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE			
Residential Users per Dwelling Unit							Annual
	Current	County Admin Fee ¹	Total Current	Proposed	County Admin Fee ¹	Total Proposed	Change
Single-Family	\$615.96	\$6.22	\$622.18	\$640.56	\$6.47	\$647.03	\$24.85
Multi-Family	\$426.48	\$4.31	\$430.79	\$443.52	\$4.48	\$448.00	\$17.21
Commercial Users (\$/ccf² of Water Consumption³)							Per ccf
Low Strength	\$4.93	\$.05	\$4.98	\$5.13	\$.05	\$5.18	\$.20
Standard Strength	\$5.45	\$.06	\$5.51	\$5.67	\$.06	\$5.73	\$.22
High Strength	\$9.42	\$.10	\$9.52	\$9.80	\$.10	\$9.90	\$.38

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

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

³ Annual commercial assessment is based on the prior year total metered water consumption.



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DEADLINE FOR PROTESTS: JUNE 23, 2020

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. If you wish to file a protest of the proposed service rate changes, the City must receive your written protest (**email** protests will **not** be counted) prior to the close of the public hearing on **June 23, 2020**. Protests are limited to one per parcel and must include:

1. Original signature of the property owner or the utility customer of record;
2. Address(es) or Assessor's Parcel number(s) of the property(ies).

Mail or deliver written protests to: Sewer Service Rate Protest
City of Sunnyvale, Department of Finance
650 W. Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086-7637

For questions about the protest process or proposed rates, please call 408-730-7400, TDD 408-730-7501 or email utilitybilling@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED INCREASES

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.

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 4% 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 4% 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, anticipated to cost approximately \$813 million, is being 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 except for 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 2020/21 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. 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.