



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Vista Sewer Service Rates

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PUBLIC HEARING: November 14, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Vista (City) proposes to establish Sewer Service Rates which will be applied to all properties within the Vista service area. The City has determined that the property for which you are shown as the property owner(s) of record will be affected by the proposed rates. If you are currently serviced by a septic system, please disregard this notice.

Vista's sewer rates are evaluated periodically to maintain an adequate rate structure to fund Vista's costs of operating and maintaining the sewer and sewage treatment system, meet regulatory compliance, and rehabilitate and reconstruct aging infrastructure to provide safe and reliable sewer service. Rates are developed based on cost-of-service principles. A comprehensive Cost of Service Study was performed. Under this approach, a balance is achieved between the cost of providing service and service charges which are proportionally distributed amongst sewer customers based on usage and strength.

Residential rates are annual flat charges based on the type of dwelling unit. Commercial and Industrial wastewater is composed of two separate rate components: (1) fixed charge based on the capacity owned and (2) a volumetric charged based on the strength of the wastewater. Commercial/Industrial users maybe be subject to a capacity rental charge based on the volumetric excess flow over sewer capacity owned.

The sewer rate plan proposed for adoption is a five-year plan. Sewer charges, if not prepaid by June 30 each year, will continue to be collected annually through your property tax bill.

Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.** in the Vista City Council Chambers located at 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084, to consider the proposed sewer service rates. Interested parties are invited to comment on the rate proposal through oral testimony or in writing.

Written protests may be submitted to the City prior to the public hearing and must identify the affected property address or assessor's parcel number and include your printed name and signature. **Email protests will not be accepted.** Please send your written protests to:

City of Vista
Office of the City Clerk
200 Civic Center Drive
Vista, CA 92084

If, by close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed rate changes are not presented by a majority of property owners, the Vista City Council will be authorized to adopt an ordinance to adjust the sewer rates. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as a formal protest unless accompanied by a written protest. If adopted, the adjusted rates will become effective thirty days after adoption of the ordinance.

For More Information

For further details regarding the basis and reasons for the proposed sewer rate structure, please see the *City of Vista Sewer Rate Study* that is located online at www.cityofvista.com under City News. If you have questions regarding the public hearing, please contact us at (760) 639-6139.

VISTA SEWER SYSTEM: PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE RATES

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CUSTOMER CLASS		CURRENT RATES	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Residential							
SINGLE FAMILY ¹	Per Unit/yr.	\$674	\$674	\$674	\$680	\$694	\$708
MULTI-FAMILY ²	Per Unit/yr.	\$471	\$471	\$471	\$475	\$485	\$495
Industrial/Commercial³							
FIXED PORTION	per EDU ⁸ owned	\$159	\$165	\$168	\$171	\$174	\$177
STRENGTH PORTION							
<i>Low Strength</i>	per HCF ⁹	\$5.26	\$6.04	\$6.17	\$6.30	\$6.43	\$6.56
<i>Medium Strength</i>	per HCF	\$6.02	\$7.09	\$7.24	\$7.39	\$7.54	\$7.70
<i>High Strength</i>	per HCF	\$7.53	\$10.14	\$10.35	\$10.56	\$10.78	\$11.00
<i>Extra Strength</i>							
BOD ⁴ Rate	per LB	\$0.91	\$0.81	\$0.83	\$0.85	\$0.87	\$0.89
SS ⁵ Rate	per LB	\$0.42	\$0.57	\$0.59	\$0.61	\$0.63	\$0.65
CAPACITY RENTAL CHARGE⁶							
Per Excess EDU Used		\$464	\$506	\$516	\$526	\$536	\$546

1. Single Family Residential includes condominiums, townhomes and duplexes.
2. Multi-Family Residential includes apartments of three or more dwellings units and mobile homes.
3. Commercial/Industrial customer charges vary depending on the type of use, amount of flow, and strength of flow.
4. Biochemical Oxygen Demand: amount of oxygen required to stabilize the waste biologically.
5. Suspended Solids: solids in wastewater that cannot be removed with conventional gravity settling which requires treatment.
6. Commercial/Industrial users who discharge more capacity than they own.
7. Engineering & News Record Construction Cost Index – Los Angeles Area.
8. EDU: Unit of measure which is based on the flow characteristic of an average single-family residence (200 gallons/day).
9. Hundred Cubic Feet

I, Kathy Valdez, City Clerk of the City of Vista, California, certify that I caused the foregoing public notice to be posted on September 29, 2017, at the following locations within the City of Vista: **1)** the Reference Desk of the Vista Branch of the San Diego County Public Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave., **2)** the Lobby Counter at the Gloria McClellan Adult Activity & Resource Center, 1400 Vale Terrace Drive; and **3)** the City Clerk's Office, 200 Civic Center Drive.

Kathy Valdez, City Clerk