



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER PROPOSED SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS AND NEW RATE STRUCTURE

5:30 P.M. April 8, 2024

Pasadena City Council Chamber

100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249, Pasadena, CA 91101

Valued Property Owner / Customer:

The Pasadena City Council will hold a public hearing on April 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM, in the City Council Chamber at 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249, Pasadena, CA 91101, to receive public comment regarding the adoption of Sewer Use Fee rate adjustments and New Rate Structure as described below to become effective July 1, 2024.

You are receiving this notice in accordance with Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218") because you are a customer or property owner of record of one or more sewer connections located within the City's service area. Proposition 218 law requires City water/wastewater service providers to notify customers so that they can participate in a public hearing regarding adjustments to water/sewer rates and charges. If more than 50% of the City's customers oppose the proposed rate adjustment(s), the City may not increase rates at this time. The Sewer Use Fee is charged to users of the sewer system to pay for the cost of operating the system, ongoing maintenance, and needed capital improvements. The current fee is based on consumers' water use. Over the last ten years, with long-term statewide drought conditions and water conservation efforts, the amount collected has not kept up with the cost of maintaining Pasadena's aging sewer infrastructure. The proposed fee increase will maintain sewer services and the financial stability of the Sewer Conveyance System. The new rate structure has a fixed rate for both residential and commercial customers plus a volumetric rate based on water consumption.

The following table shows the current rate and proposes monthly rates for the next five fiscal year years. The bottom of the table shows the average single family residence bill over the next five fiscal years.

	Current	FYE 2025	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	FYE 2028	FYE 2029
Single Family Residence Rate						
Fixed	n/a	\$6.16	\$7.15	\$7.44	\$7.73	\$8.04
Volumetric (\$/hcf)	\$0.35	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.78	\$0.82	\$0.85
Commercial Rate						
Fixed	n/a	\$6.16	\$7.15	\$7.44	\$7.73	\$8.04
Volumetric (\$/hcf)	\$0.67	\$1.24	\$1.44	\$1.50	\$1.56	\$1.62

hcf = hundred cubic feet

The following table shows the impact to the monthly utility bill for Single Family Residence and Commercial Customers.

	Current	FYE 2025	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	FYE 2028	FYE 2029
Average SFR Bill	\$4.55	\$11.37	\$13.19	\$13.71	\$14.26	\$14.83
Average Commercial Bill	\$35.51	\$65.40	\$75.86	\$78.90	\$82.05	\$85.34

IF THE PARCEL OR BILLING ADDRESS ON THIS NOTICE DOES NOT RECEIVE SEWER SERVICES FROM THE CITY OF PASADENA, THIS NOTICE DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU.

Public Information: All interested persons may submit written correspondence to correspondence@cityofpasadena.net prior to the start of the City Council meeting. Written correspondence can also be mailed to the City Clerk at the City Clerk's Office, 100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S228, Pasadena, California, 91101. During the meeting and prior to the close of the public hearing, members of the public may provide live public comment. Please refer to the City Council agenda when posted for instructions on how to participate in the meeting and provide live public comment.

Any property owner or interested person may appear and be heard on any matter relating to the Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments. In accordance with Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution, written protests to the proposed Implementation of Sewer Rate Adjustments will be considered if submitted by close of the public hearing. Only one written protest per affected property will be counted. Written protests for people not in attendance of the Public Hearing should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. April 8, 2024 and may be submitted via email at correspondence@cityofpasadena.net or sent to the Office of the City Clerk located at 100 N. Garfield Ave. Pasadena, California 91101, Room S228. Please include the parcel or billing address, write "**Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments**", and indicate whether you are protesting the rate.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of the proposed changes as follows:

(1) If less than a majority of property owners or ratepayers file a protest, the City Council may increase sewer rates, effective July 1, 2024.

(2) If a majority of affected property owners or ratepayers protest the increase before the conclusion of the required Public Hearing, the City is prohibited by law from increasing sewer rates.

If adopted, the proposed sewer rates will take effect beginning July 1, 2024.

Statute of Limitations for Challenging Proposed Rates

Please note that pursuant to California Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for judicially challenging all rates set forth in this Notice that runs from the effective date of the ordinance or resolution approving these rates.

ADA: *To request a disability-related modification or accommodation necessary to facilitate meeting participation, please contact the City Clerk's Office as soon as possible at (626) 744-4124 or cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net. Providing at least 72 hours advance notice will help ensure availability.*