

City of Antioch Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Sewer Rate Increases Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Para los clientes de habla hispana, una versión de este aviso en español está disponible en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Antioch en www.antiochca.gov. Anuncios en español también están disponibles en el Alcaldía, en la calle H numero 200, y en la Biblioteca de el Centro Comunitario de Antioch en 4703 Lone Tree Way, Antioch.

Public Hearing and Protests

The Antioch City Council will hold a Public Hearing on proposed sewer rate increases for fiscal years (FY) 2021/22 through 2025/26 on June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom meeting instructions will be available on the City of Antioch's website at the following link: https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/. The City Council may take action to implement increases at this meeting. The meeting facility is accessible to the handicapped. Auxiliary aides will be made available, upon request in advance, for persons with hearing or vision disabilities. The City will accept public comments at the Public Hearing. You may also submit written protests. Written protests may be: 1) hand delivered to the Water Bill Drop Box, Attn: City Clerk, 200 H Street, Antioch, CA, 2) mailed to the City Clerk at P.O. Box 5007, Antioch, CA 94531-5007; or 3) personally delivered to 200 H Street, Antioch, CA during the City Council meeting. Written protests must be received (not postmarked) prior to the close of the public hearing. To be valid, protests must be in writing, state opposition to the proposed rate increase and include the individual's name, the address receiving sewer service, and account number from your mailing label. Protests must be signed by the property owner or by the tenant directly responsible for payment of the sewer fees. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a valid written protest. At the conclusion of the public hearing, if written protests against the rate increase proposal have been submitted with respect to a majority of the parcels subject to the proposed increase, the City Council will not adopt the increase. If approved, the new rates and charges will go in effect on July 1, 2021.

Need for Rate Increases

The proposed increases are necessary to maintain the financial stability and structural integrity of the City's Sewer Enterprise Program, and to address new regulatory mandates, as well as increasing costs affecting Sewer operations. The sewer fees are calculated based on the cost of operation and maintenance expenses (including labor, utilities, supplies and materials), capital expenditures for infrastructure, and adequate reserves for meeting capital and operational needs. This rate increase addresses the rising costs of maintaining the wastewater collection system; and the need to meet increasing mandates from both Federal and State agencies. The City is committed to proactively improving and maintaining our aging systems while providing excellent services at all levels within our programs.

<u>Sewer Service Charges - Proposed Rate Structure</u> The sewer rate structure has two, unit cost components: 1) a monthly account charge which is the same for all accounts and dwelling units; and 2) a quantity rate for the volume of

	Current	Recommended Five-Year Rate Plan				
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
effective dates >	7/1/2019	7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	7/1/2025
Residential, \$/month						
per Dwelling Unit						
Single Family	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$16.05	\$17.20	\$18.45	\$19.80
Multiple Family	\$12.70	\$13.40	\$14.35	\$15.40	\$16.50	\$17.70
Apartment/Mobile Home	\$11.10	\$11.95	\$12.90	\$13.95	\$15.10	\$16.35
Nonresidential						
Account Charge,\$/month	\$4.44	\$4.60	\$4.95	\$5.30	\$5.70	\$6.15
Volume Rate, \$/HCF *	\$1.20	\$1.31	\$1.42	\$1.54	\$1.68	\$1.82

^{* 1} HCF = approximately 748 Gallons

wastewater discharge. Residential accounts are assigned to one of three categories: single family, multiple family (two, three or four dwelling units) and apartment and mobile homes. Each residential customer category has a different volume of wastewater discharge that reflects differences in indoor water use discharged into the sanitary sewer. The unit cost components and the volume of wastewater discharge for each residential customer category

are used to calculate a different uniform monthly charge for each residential customer category. Monthly charges for individual nonresidential accounts are the sum of the monthly account charge component plus the quantity rate component times the volume of wastewater discharge. The volume of wastewater discharge for nonresidential accounts is equal to metered water use (water use for irrigation or fire protection is not included).

The Evaluation of Sewer Enterprise Funds Cash Flow and Rates document for review can be found on the City Website at www.antiochca.gov. If you have any questions, please call the Public Work's Department at (925) 779-6950.