

**City of Pacifica  
Notice of Public Hearing**

**PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGES**

Notice is hereby given that at 7:00 PM on May 8, 2017, in the Council Chambers located at 2212 Beach Boulevard, Pacifica, CA 94044, the City Council of the City of Pacifica (“City”) will hold a public hearing to consider revisions to its sewer service charges that will be effective beginning fiscal year 2017-2018. If approved, you will see the sewer service charges appear at the new rate on your property tax bills issued later in 2017. The sewer service charge is a usage fee, charged indefinitely, and is placed on the property tax bills annually and collected by the County Controller’s Office.

The City imposes its sewer service charges to fund the City’s costs of operating and maintaining the sewer collection and sewage treatment systems, as well as to pay off the costs of constructing that system. Sewer service charge proceeds may not be used by the City for any other purpose. The proposed revisions to the sewer service charges were calculated by the City to evenly spread applicable costs amongst sewer users according to the cost of providing service to that user. The proposed rate revisions and calculation methodology that will be considered by the City Council (described briefly below) are based on a wastewater rate study conducted by Bartle Wells Associates (“BWA”).

**Your Opportunity to Get Involved**

You are invited to present oral or written testimony to the City Council at the public hearing on May 8, 2017. You may also present the City with a written protest against the proposed charges prior to that date. If written protests against the proposed charges are presented by a majority of owners of parcels subject to the charges, then the City Council will not impose the proposed charges.

**Summary of Proposed Charges**

	Current	Maximum Proposed Rate*				
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Percent Increase		8%	8%	8%	7%	7%
Rate**	\$13.04476	\$14.08834	\$15.21541	\$16.43264	\$17.58293	\$18.81373
Minimum Annual Rate	\$626.14	\$676.24	\$730.34	\$788.76	\$843.98	\$903.06

\*Actual rate increase may be lower and will depend on the level of capital funding required for new construction and ongoing maintenance of the sewer system. \*\*Rate per 100 cubic feet of estimated water consumption.

Your sewer service charge will be based on water consumption. This notice includes a brief discussion of how the proposed rates will be calculated for each user based on water consumption. The formula used by the City for residential customers is designed to exclude water consumption that does not involve the sewer system, such as light landscaping. Most non-residential customers are charged using the actual annual water consumption.

**Additional Information**

*Method for Estimating Consumption.* Generally, the water consumption estimate for a user shall be that user’s total water consumption for the six (6) bi-monthly water billing periods ending with the billing period for February of the calendar year during which the charges will be levied. This twelve (12) month period is known as the “billing year.”

*Residential Users.* The proposed method for estimating water consumption for single-family and multi-family residences is to multiply total water consumption during the billing year by 90% (0.90). This proposed method would replace the current method of using the wet months as a factor in the residential calculation.

**Additional Information** (continued)

*Users with substantial irrigation requirements.* Any nonresidential user with substantial irrigation requirements may be able to apply to have his or her flow estimate recalculated based on criterion in City Municipal Code Section 6-6.407. Applications submitted will be subject to the procedures and requirements set forth in the City’s Municipal Code.

*Users with multiple meters.* If a user has more than one water meter at a service location, and one or more of those meters measures only water used for landscaping purposes, the meter usage for landscaping purposes will be excluded.

*Schools with mixed water use.* Schools with mixed water use (drinking water and irrigation) may apply to have their flow estimate calculated as six (6) times the average consumption of the following bimonthly periods: (i) March and April, (ii) May and June, (iii) ½ billed during November and December, and (iv) January and February.



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**Additional Information** (continued)

*Strength Multipliers.*

Estimated water consumption of certain non-residential sewer users, such as restaurants, laundromats and car washes, is multiplied by a “strength multiplier” that takes into account additional costs associated with certain types of effluent.

Car Washes, 0.9	Gymnasiums, 0.9	Restaurants w/o functioning grease traps, 1.8
Cleaners, 1.2	Laundromats, 0.75	Restaurants with functioning grease traps, 1.6
		All Others, 1.0

**If you have any questions about the proposed rates, or would like to review the BWA rate study, please feel free to contact City Hall at (650) 738-7300 or [www.cityofpacifica.org/wwratestudy](http://www.cityofpacifica.org/wwratestudy) .**