

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Increase to Utility Rates



Date: June 10, 2014
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers, City Hall
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara will consider, at the above-indicated time and place, a recommendation to adopt a resolution to increase water, wastewater (sewer), and solid waste collection rates charged by the City. Increases would be effective on utility bills dated July 1, 2014 or later. Sample billing comparisons for current and proposed rates are shown on the reverse. Small variations in the stated percentages may occur due to rounding.

Water Rates

Water rates will be noticed in the coming weeks. A separate notice will be mailed out.

Wastewater Rates (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for sewer service)

The proposed wastewater rate change is a 5.5% percent increase to the City's current charges for all customer classes. The maximum monthly charge for a single family residential customer would increase by \$2.22 under the proposed rates. The proposed increase will fund operating costs, as well as replacement and repair of the City's aging sewer system. This includes replacement of critical facilities at the wastewater treatment plant. The City will expand the number of non-residential customer classifications during FY 2015. All non-residential accounts will have the same 5.5% rate increase during FY 2015 as for residential accounts.

Trash & Recycling (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for trash/recycling collection)

The proposed rate schedule includes an increase for all customer classes (Single Family Residential, Multi-Unit Residential and Business) of up to 1.6%, comprised of the following components: 1) 0.9% which represents a) an increase in the amounts paid to the City's contracted hauler tied to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and, b) increases to the "tipping fees" charged by the processing and/or disposal sites that receive City waste. The City is contractually obligated to compensate its franchised waste hauler for these increases; and, 2) a new fee of 0.7% to fund the long-term repair and replacement of the City's public trash and recycling containers.

In addition to the 1.6% increase described above, rates for Multi-Unit Residential carts and cans will increase by 2%, and Multi Unit dumpsters will *decrease* by 2%. These adjustments are part of the City's long term plan to bring Multi-Unit dumpster and cart/can rates to an equivalent price per gallon regardless of the type of container serviced. The impact of this change on actual bills will vary depending upon each Multi-Unit Residential customer's specific mix of cars/carts and dumpster service.

This notice is intended only for customers billed by the City of Santa Barbara for water, wastewater, and/or solid waste collection services. For a complete list of all current and proposed rates, go to: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling or call (805) 564-5460.

If you oppose any of the above increases, please deliver your protest **in writing**, including your name and service address, to the City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to or during the City Council's consideration of this item on June 10, 2014. (If you wish to submit your protest during the public hearing, please deliver it to City Staff in the Council Chamber.) Because multiple rates are being considered by City Council at the same hearing, please indicate the specific rate you are protesting.

Typical Wastewater Billing Comparisons – Current vs. Proposed Rates

Customer Class	Example	Assumed Monthly Usage (hcf/mth)	Total Monthly Wastewater Charges		
			Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Increase
Single Family Residential	Low User 5/8" meter	6	\$30.42	\$32.08	\$1.66
	Average User 5/8" meter	12	\$40.78	\$43.00	\$2.22
Multi-Family Residential Building	12 dwelling units 2" meter	60	\$333.96	\$352.20	\$18.24
Commercial Classes 1, 2, & 3	2" meter	60	\$175.80	\$185.40	\$9.60
Commercial Class 4	2" meter	100	\$355.00	\$375.00	\$20.00

Note: Small variations in the stated percentage increases may occur due to rounding.

Typical Trash, Recycling, & Greenwaste Billing Comparisons Current vs. Proposed Rates

Service Level	Current Rates*	Proposed Rates*	% Change
Common Single Family Residential Service (65-gal trash, 65-gal greenwaste, 65-gal recycle) 1x/week	\$34.74	\$35.27	1.5%
Multi-Unit Residential (Cart/Can Service) (5-95 gal trash, 95-gal greenwaste, 5-95 gal recycle) 1x/week	\$220.80	\$229.22	3.8%
Multi-Unit Residential (Small/Medium Dumpster Service) (4 yard trash, 2 yard recycle) 1x/week	\$368.77	\$366.55	-0.6%
Business (Cart/Can Service) (3-95 gal trash, 3-95 gal recycle) 2x/wk	\$377.68	\$383.34	1.5%
Business Dumpster Service (4yd trash, 4yd recycle) 2x/week	\$991.39	\$1006.34	1.5%

* Not including 6% utility tax on trash/recycling collection, as applicable

For more information, including a complete list of all current and proposed rates:
www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling or (805) 564-5343