

Goleta Sanitary District

"Protecting Public Health and the Environment"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE IN SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

The Goleta Sanitary District provides sewage collection, treatment and disposal services to properties located within its service area covering the territories between the City of Santa Barbara and the Municipal Airport. To cover the cost of these services, the District maintains a system of user rates and charges.

CURRENT SERVICE CHARGES

The District's service charges are based on a mathematical model designed to set rates at levels that will generate sufficient revenue to cover the District's operations, maintenance, and depreciation costs in accordance with State guidelines and regulatory permit requirements. These rates are allocated to various user classifications based on the wastewater strength (loading) and flow rate (volume) associated with each classification. The current sewer service charge is **\$35.68** per month (\$428.23 annually) for a single-family residence or an equivalent residential unit (ERU). The existing rates are based on cost information from 2012 and do not generate enough revenue to cover the ongoing operational, maintenance and improvement costs associated with providing the required sewer services.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

In 2012, the District completed a \$40,000,000 upgrade to its treatment plant to provide for full secondary treatment of all inflows. These required improvements have resulted in increased costs for operating, maintaining and repairing the District's facilities due to the higher level of treatment, associated energy costs, and the overall complexity of the new facilities. Now that the upgraded plant facility has been in operation for a few years, the District has been able to determine the amount of those increased costs. The District updated its rate model to reflect (i) the operations, maintenance, and depreciation costs associated with the upgraded plant, (ii) cost increases attributable to inflation and other factors, and (iii) current capital expense information from annual audit reports. The updated model demonstrates that an increase in the District's sewer service rate is required to cover the costs associated with the operation, maintenance and improvement to its waste water facilities.

The rate for a single-family residence is proposed to increase by \$5.70 to a total of **\$41.38** per month (\$496.56 annually). This equates to a 16% increase in the sewer service charge. However, even with the proposed increase, the District's sewer service charge rate for a single-family residence would still be less than the average Santa Barbara County rate of \$59.31 per month. A detailed schedule of the proposed sewer service rates is found on the back of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved by the District's Governing Board, the new service charges will take effect July 1, 2017. The charges will continue to be collected with the property tax bill for most parcels, and will first appear on the tax bills payable in November of 2017.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, or if you wish to review the model or data that are used to calculate the District's service charges, please contact District staff. Staff can also help you determine your current service charge and the new service charge that will apply to your property if the proposed increases are approved by the District's Governing Board.

Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Address: One William Moffett Place, Goleta, CA 93117

CALL the District office at (805) 967-4519 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday,

E-MAIL us at: info@goletasanitary.org

PARTICIPATE in the Public Hearing on June 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM. in the District Board Room.

Thank You,
The Governing Board of the Goleta Sanitary District

NOTICE:

A public hearing on the proposed sewer service charge increases will be held on June 14, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the District board room at One William Moffett Place, Goleta, California 93117

Proposed Sewer Rates by Customer Groups

USER CATEGORY	PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER CHARGE 2017-18
Single family residences	\$496.56 per residence per year (\$41.38 per month)
Condominiums, mobile home spaces, apartments, trailers, duplexes, triplexes, (multiple family residences), commercial establishments (grocery, service, and other retail stores, theaters), beauty shops, barber shops	\$402.31 per unit per year
Motels	\$285.89 per unit per year
Markets	\$904.57 per each 74,095 gallons of water used
Banks, machine shops, auto repair	\$451.33 per unit per year
Office suites	\$84.91 per unit per year
Doctors and dental offices, churches, animal shelters (kennels, veterinary clinics), private clubs used with recreational facilities	\$496.56 per each 74,095 gallons of water used
Bars, cocktail lounges, taverns	\$79.50 per unit per year
Restaurants, food service facilities, take-out or drive-in	\$938.12 per each 74,095 gallons of water used
Laundromats/cleaners	\$438.49 per each 74,095 gallons of water used
Service stations	\$509.17 per unit per year
Service stations with trailer dump facilities	\$1,665.12 per unit per year
Car washes	\$392.79 per each 74,095 gallons of water used
Factories, industrial plants, water bottling or treatment plant, auditoriums, dance halls, recreation buildings	\$421.80 per each 74,095 gallons of water used
Mortuaries	\$2,496.61 per unit per year
Hospitals	\$473.70 per each 74,095 gallons of water used
Schools (nursery, elementary, secondary)	\$25.23 per average daily attendance per year
Boys & Girls clubs	\$12.61 per average daily attendance per year
Photographic processing plants	\$902.66 per unit per year

TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED CHANGES. Protests against the proposed sewer service charge increase must be submitted in writing, must identify the parcel or parcels for which the protest is entered, and be signed by an owner or a tenant of the parcel(s). Protests must be submitted to the District before the end of the public hearing to be held on June 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the District Board Room at One William Moffett Place, Goleta, CA 93117. If written protests against the proposed sewer service charges are presented with respect to a majority of parcels affected, the District will not approve the increase in rates. One written protest per parcel, filed by an owner or tenant of the parcel, will be counted in calculating a majority protest to the proposed service charge increases.