

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND FISCAL YEAR 2015

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

In compliance with Article XIID of the California State Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, the City of La Mesa is hereby notifying affected property owners of a proposed two-year sewer rate adjustment which will be imposed upon all parcels utilizing the City of La Mesa sewer system. This mailing serves as official notice to property owners of the public hearing to be held on the proposed sewer rate adjustments.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Mesa City Hall located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California 91942.

The proposed sewer rate adjustments will recover the City's costs to operate and maintain the sewer collection system and provide needed funding for infrastructure improvements. As part of the Metro Sewer System, the City is required by federal and state regulations to generate sufficient revenue from customer sewer service charges to fund its sewer program. Revenues derived from sewer fees are used solely for the purpose of covering program costs and expenses related to operating the City's sewer utility, including: wastewater treatment at the Point Loma Treatment Plant, debt service payments for Metro sewer improvements, sewer transportation, operation and maintenance, capital replacement, regulatory compliance, program administration and financing.

The following table provides the proposed sewer service charges for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for each customer classification.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

	Current Sewer Rates	Proposed Rates Effective 7/1/13	Proposed Rates Effective 7/1/14
	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
Charge per 100 cubic feet (CF) of water 100 CF = 1 unit = 748 gallons			
Single Family *	\$3.103	\$3.170	\$3.340
Multi Family	\$3.34	\$3.34	\$3.34
Commercial/Industrial			
Low Strength	\$3.57	\$3.57	\$3.57
Medium Strength	\$4.00	\$4.42	\$4.64
High Strength	\$4.78	\$4.98	\$5.23
Extra High Strength	\$11.89	\$11.89	\$11.89
Bi-Monthly Base Charge (applies to all customer accounts)	\$19.88	\$23.50	\$26.12

How to calculate your sewer bill:

water use charge x average bi-monthly water use + base charge = bi-monthly sewer charge.

To calculate the annual amount, multiply the bi-monthly sewer charge by 6.

* A bi-monthly billing cap of 28 units applies to single family customers.

Maximum bi-monthly single family bill in FY 14:

$$\$3.170 \times 28 \text{ units (cap)} = \$88.76 + \$23.50 = \$112.26$$

Maximum bi-monthly single family bill in FY 15:

$$\$3.340 \times 28 \text{ units (cap)} = \$93.52 + \$26.12 = \$119.64$$

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At the public hearing, the City Council will consider all written materials and oral testimony concerning the proposed sewer charges. If you own a parcel in the City of La Mesa that receives sewer service and you oppose the proposed adjustments, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered. If written protests are submitted by a majority of the affected property owners, the proposed sewer charge adjustments will not be implemented. Only written protests from La Mesa property owners will be counted.

Written protests must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk of the City of La Mesa by noon on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 or in the City Council Chambers during the public hearing so long as they are received prior to the close of the public hearing. Written protests must be made by the owner of the parcel and must include the owner's name, Assessor Parcel Number (APN), sewer service address, a statement indicating opposition to the proposed sewer rate adjustments, and signature.

Oral comments made at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests. E-mail or faxed protests or protests received after the public hearing is closed will not be accepted. If protesting by mail, please identify on the front of the envelope that the enclosed letter of protest is for the proposed sewer rate adjustments. Owners of multiple properties must file a separate written protest for each property. Send your written protest to:

City of La Mesa
Office of the City Clerk
8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942

If written protests against the proposed changes are not presented by a majority of the affected property owners, the City Council may authorize the sewer charge adjustments.

The City of La Mesa encourages the participation of disabled individuals in the services, activities and programs provided by the City. Individuals with disabilities, who require reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the City Council meetings, should contact the City's Americans with Disabilities coordinator at 619.667.1178.

If you have questions about the proposed rate adjustments or the process for submitting a written protest, call the City of La Mesa at 619.667.1145 or visit our website at www.cityoflamesa.com/sewer.