



Municipal Utilities Department  
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### Notice of Public Hearing

Read this notice to learn more about proposed wastewater rate adjustments for City of Stockton utility customers.

El contenido de este mensaje está disponible en español en la pagina de internet [www.stocktonca.gov/rates](http://www.stocktonca.gov/rates).

#### Each protest must:

- ◇ Be submitted in writing and received by the City Clerk at or before the close of the public hearing on **May 21, 2019**. Written protests may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of the City Clerk at **425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202** or delivered at the public hearing;
- ◇ Contain a statement protesting the rate adjustments. It is not necessary to give a reason; opposition alone is sufficient.
- ◇ Identify the property, either by street address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN); and
- ◇ Include the name and signature of the person submitting the written protest.

Protests submitted by email or other electronic means will not qualify as valid written protests. At the public hearing, all interested persons will be provided an opportunity to express comments or concerns to the proposed rate adjustments. At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council will consider the adoption of a maximum proposed annual rate increases. If approved, the proposed rates will go into effect on July 1, 2019, and be adjusted each July 1 thereafter, through and including July 1, 2023.

Comments made at the public hearing will not qualify as written protests, unless accompanied by a written protest. If qualified written protests are submitted by a majority of the record property owner(s) or customer(s) of record, the Council may not approve the proposed rate adjustments.

### Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Adjustments to Wastewater Rates

The City Council invites the public to attend a public hearing at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019**, in the City Council Chamber, at **425 N. El Dorado Street**, to consider all testimony and written protests to the adoption of proposed rate adjustments to City of Stockton wastewater (sewer) service fees.

The following persons may submit a written protest on the proposed wastewater rate adjustments before the close of the public hearing referenced above.

- ◇ A record owner(s) of property(s) receiving wastewater service in the City of Stockton service area. If the person signing the protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner of the property(s), then the protest must include written evidence that such person signing the protest is the owner of the property(s) receiving sewer service; or
- ◇ A customer of record, such as a tenant, whose name appears on the City of Stockton's records as the customer of record directly responsible for payment of wastewater utility charges for the corresponding property receiving wastewater service.

Although both billed customers and record property owners will be notified, only one protest per property will be counted.

### Why Are Rate Adjustments Necessary?

The City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department is responsible for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater. This is a vital service that supports public health. The City is committed to providing high-quality, safe and reliable wastewater services at the lowest possible cost. It must also meet legal requirements, along with increasingly strict State and Federal Clean Water Standards and regulatory requirements.

The proposed monthly rate adjustments will allow the City to:

- ◇ Continue to meet, or exceed, all legal, Federal, and State regulatory requirements;
- ◇ Construct wastewater treatment plant upgrades to comply with new and stricter wastewater discharge limits by June 1, 2024;
- ◇ Properly operate and maintain the wastewater treatment plant, wastewater pipelines, and pump stations; and
- ◇ Maintain the long-term financial stability of wastewater operations.

#### Additional Information

The 2019 Draft Wastewater Rate Study report is available on the City's website at [www.stocktonca.gov/rates](http://www.stocktonca.gov/rates) and at the Office of the City Clerk:

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For questions about the proposed wastewater rate adjustments or the rates applicable to your property, call 209-937-5001. Submit a question via email using the link provided at [www.stocktonca.gov/rates](http://www.stocktonca.gov/rates).

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## Summary of the Proposed Wastewater Rates

	Present Rates	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023
<b>Residential Charge</b> (per dwelling unit)						
Single-Family & Condo	\$42.06	\$44.10	\$46.75	\$49.56	\$52.53	\$55.68
Multi-Family	\$40.20	\$41.55	\$44.04	\$46.68	\$49.48	\$52.45
Apartments	\$34.22	\$37.68	\$39.94	\$42.34	\$44.88	\$47.57
<b>Consumption Charges</b> (\$/HCF <sup>1</sup> )						
Fixed Monthly Charges	\$23.16	\$21.25	\$22.53	\$23.88	\$25.31	\$26.83
Com / Inst – Low-strength	\$1.64	\$1.75	\$1.86	\$1.97	\$2.09	\$2.22
Com / Inst – Med-strength	\$2.03	\$2.14	\$2.27	\$2.41	\$2.55	\$2.70
Com / Inst – High-strength	\$3.41	\$3.59	\$3.81	\$4.04	\$4.28	\$4.54
Schools/Churches (\$/ADA <sup>2</sup> )	\$0.96	\$1.03	\$1.09	\$1.16	\$1.23	\$1.30
<b>Industrial Charges</b>						
Fixed Monthly Charges	\$23.16	\$21.25	\$22.53	\$23.88	\$25.31	\$26.83
<b>Admin / Standby Charge</b>						
Industrial – Flow (\$/MG <sup>3</sup> )	\$613.86	\$685.00	\$726.10	\$769.67	\$815.85	\$864.80
Industrial – BOD (\$/Klbs <sup>4</sup> )	\$99.37	\$111.00	\$117.66	\$124.72	\$132.20	\$140.13
Industrial – SS (\$/Klbs)	\$72.57	\$81.50	\$86.39	\$91.57	\$97.06	\$102.88
<b>Consumption Charges</b>						
Industrial – Flow (\$/MG)	\$530.64	\$592.90	\$628.47	\$666.18	\$706.15	\$748.52
Industrial – BOD (\$/Klbs)	\$36.97	\$41.30	\$43.78	\$46.41	\$49.19	\$52.14
Industrial – SS (\$/Klbs)	\$59.16	\$66.10	\$70.07	\$74.27	\$78.73	\$83.45

1 - \$/HCF = Cost per Hundred Cubic Feet

2 - \$/ADA = Average Daily Attendance

3 - \$/MG = Cost per Million Gallons

4 - \$/Klbs Cost per Thousand Pounds

### Basis for the Proposed Rates

The City of Stockton hired HDR Engineering, Inc., an independent rate consultant, to evaluate the Wastewater Utility revenue requirements, prepare a cost of service analysis and rate study report (2019 Rate Study) to support a new five-year rate schedule. The 2019 Rate Study determines how customers equitably and fairly pay for the projected costs to provide wastewater services over a five-year period.

The proposed monthly wastewater rates impact all three customer classes:

- ◇ Residential, including single family, multi-family, and apartments;
- ◇ Commercial and institutional; and
- ◇ Industrial.

The proposed rates for residential customers are a flat monthly service charge. Commercial, institutional (such as schools and churches), and industrial customers are charged a fixed monthly charge and a variable consumption charge.

The monthly fixed wastewater service charge is structured to recover a portion of the City's fixed costs and overhead. The variable consumption charge is designed to recover the costs of treating the estimated amount of wastewater discharged into the wastewater system (flow) and wastewater type (strength) generated by commercial, institutional and industrial customers.

Wastewater strength for commercial customers is identified as high, medium, or low, based on the type of activity occurring at a property. Once wastewater strength is determined, the consumption charge is calculated based on the amount of the customer's estimated flow. Commercial flow is based on the estimated amount of wastewater discharged in hundred cubic feet (HCF), and estimated flow for schools and churches is based on the average daily attendance (ADA). Industrial customers are charged for both treatment and capacity (standby) based on the volume and strength of discharge.

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