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# Residential Rates

## For City of Sausalito Residences

The proposed sewer charge increases the current charge of \$388 per year to \$469 in 2010-2011 (\$39.17 per month), \$563 in 2011-2012 (\$46.92 per month), \$647 in 2012-2013 (\$53.92 per month), and \$725 in 2013-2014 (\$60.42 per month). This charge applies to single family residences and for each unit in a multi-family building.

Additional charges are levied by the City of Sausalito for collection system repair and maintenance.

## For Marin City and Unincorporated Residences

The proposed sewer charge increases the current charge of \$438.66 per year to \$521.00 in 2010-2011 (\$43.42 per month), \$616.00 in 2011-2012 (\$51.33 per month), \$701.00 in 2012-2013 (\$58.42 per month), and \$780.00 in 2013-2014 (\$65.00 per month).

These proposed charges include a charge for collection system repair and maintenance.

## Notice of Public Hearing

The Public Hearing at which the Board of Directors of the Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District will consider and decide upon the proposed new sewer service charge is scheduled to occur:

**July 28, 2010, 7:30 PM**

**Sausalito City Council Chambers 420 Litho Street, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about the proposed new sewer rates. You may:

- Address the Directors at the Public Hearing on the date and at the time and location listed above.
- Phone: (415) 332-0244     ■ E-mail: [joyce@smcsd.net](mailto:joyce@smcsd.net)
- Write: SMCS D: P.O. Box 39, Sausalito, CA 94966-0039



# Notice to Residential Property Owners of Proposed New Sewer Service Charges

## Why New Rates are Needed

As part of a multi-year capital improvement program to upgrade our sewer system, portions of which are 30 to 60 years old, we must upgrade our treatment facilities to improve their capacity and avoid spills of sewage into the Bay.

Because of past spills, the Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District (SMCSD) – along with other local sewage agencies – are under a legal Order from United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Regional Water Quality Control Board requiring us to make essential environmental, health and safety upgrades to local sewer and treatment systems.

Making these upgrades protects the environment and the Bay, protects the health and safety of our residents, prevents future fines, and avoids costly lawsuits and settlements that can result in greater costs to local ratepayers.

Without these new rates, the District would not be able to make the required upgrades and would be subject to legal and administrative enforcement, potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines and judgments, and these would substantially increase the financial cost to ratepayers.

## How Your Rate Is Calculated

Rates are based on two factors, the quantity of flow and its strength, which are used to distribute costs across customer classes (e.g. residential, commercial, institutional and industrial). Because the difference in flow and strength between residential customer classes (i.e. single family and multiple family residences) does not significantly affect the cost of wastewater collection and treatment, we have assigned the same factors to all residential units. As a result, the charge for all residential units has been set at the same amount. This flat rate system is widely used by wastewater agencies to charge residential properties for the cost of services.

## How to Comment About or Protest the New Proposed Rates

Protests, comments, and other written materials may be submitted to the District any time before the end of the Public Hearing. Protests can be mailed or hand delivered to the District Office or presented at the hearing. **Protests against the proposal must be submitted in writing, must identify the owner(s) of the property or properties for which the protest is entered, and must be signed by the property owner(s).** If written protests against the proposed sewer service charge rates are presented by a majority of property owners of the parcels affected, the District will not approve the proposed new sewer service rates.

**For more information visit: [www.smcsd.net](http://www.smcsd.net)**