

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA REGARDING
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the California Constitution Article XIID (otherwise known as "Proposition 218"), that on December 6, 2021, the City of La Habra (the "City") City Council will hold a public hearing to consider proposed adjustments to the water and sewer rates. The public hearing will be held on **December 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the **City Council Chambers, 100 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, CA 90631**. The purpose of the hearing is to consider oral testimony and written protests against the proposed adjustments to water and sewer service charges for the parcel for which you are shown as a property owner of record.

The proposed adjustments are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023.

The City estimates that for a typical single-family residential customer with a 5/8" meter, using 16 hundred cubic feet (16 ccf) per month, their monthly water bill will increase \$4.45 per month from a current charge of \$71.43 to \$75.88 with the initial rate adjustment. The sewer charge will decrease \$1.20 from the current charge of \$13.04 to \$11.84. This represents a total increase of \$3.25 per month on a combined bill basis.

PROPOSED WATER SERVICE CHARGES

The water rate adjustment is based upon increased costs for purchased water, operations, and to fund capital improvement projects. There are two parts to the water service charge: A fixed service charge and a variable use charge. The fixed charge is based on the connection's meter size. The most common meter sizes for residential properties are 5/8" or 1". The variable use charge is determined by the amount of water served to the property and is measured in hundred cubic feet (ccf). One (1) ccf equals 748 gallons or one (1) billing unit. The City bills on a monthly basis. The City also provides private fireline service to specific customers. Therefore, the City has updated the fireline service charge. Private fire service connections are typically associated with fire sprinkler systems. The fixed charge by meter size and variable charge will change as shown in the tables below.

Fixed Charge (Billed monthly)

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Current</u> | <u>1/1/2022</u> | <u>1/1/2023</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 5/8" | \$17.99 | \$18.04 | \$18.58 |
| 3/4" | \$24.87 | \$25.32 | \$26.08 |
| 1" | \$38.64 | \$39.87 | \$41.07 |
| 1½" | \$73.08 | \$76.24 | \$78.53 |
| 2" | \$114.41 | \$119.89 | \$123.49 |
| 3" | \$210.83 | \$221.75 | \$228.40 |
| 4" | \$348.58 | \$367.25 | \$378.27 |
| 6" | \$692.96 | \$731.02 | \$752.95 |
| 8" | \$1,106.21 | \$1,167.53 | \$1,202.56 |

Variable Use Charge (Billed per hundred cubic feet, ccf)

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>1/1/2022</u> | <u>1/1/2023</u> |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Residential | | | |
| Tier 1: 0-8 ccf | \$2.54 | \$2.60 | \$2.68 |
| Tier 2: 9-16 ccf | \$4.14 | \$4.63 | \$4.77 |
| Tier 3: 16+ ccf | \$6.01 | \$6.74 | \$6.94 |
| Multi-family | | | |
| Uniform Tier | \$3.71 | \$3.59 | \$3.70 |
| Commercial | | | |
| Uniform Tier | \$3.77 | \$3.77 | \$3.88 |
| Municipal | | | |
| Uniform Tier | \$4.59 | \$4.34 | \$4.47 |
| Irrigation | | | |
| Uniform Tier | \$5.40 | \$5.47 | \$5.63 |

Fireline Service (Monthly Fixed Charge)

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Current</u> | <u>1/1/2022</u> | <u>1/1/2023</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2" | \$8.82 | \$8.26 | \$8.51 |
| 3" | \$17.60 | \$17.35 | \$17.87 |
| 4" | \$32.74 | \$33.02 | \$34.01 |
| 6" | \$87.11 | \$89.27 | \$91.95 |
| 8" | \$180.87 | \$186.28 | \$191.87 |
| 10" | \$321.92 | \$332.22 | \$342.19 |

Fireline Service (Variable Use Charge)

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>1/1/2022</u> | <u>1/1/2023</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fireline | | | |
| Uniform Tier | \$5.40 | \$5.47 | \$5.63 |

PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

The sewer rate is being reduced in order to maintain the Sewer fund balance in concordance with industry standards. The reduction is due to a reevaluation of the City's fund balance goals. The new rates will allow the City to continue its efforts to reduce the potential for sewer spills and to comply with mandated Waste Discharge Requirements of the State Regional Water Quality Control Board. The wastewater rates have a monthly fixed charge per dwelling unit for residential customers and apartments, and a variable charge per hundred cubic feet (ccf) of water varying for all customer classes. Non-residential customers (Commercial, municipal, church, etc.) are subject to a minimum charge as shown below. The fixed charge and variable charge will change as shown in tables below.

Fixed Charge (Billed monthly)

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>1/1/2022</u> | <u>1/1/2023</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Residential | \$5.20 | \$4.80 | \$4.80 |
| *Apartment | \$4.50 | \$4.10 | \$4.10 |
| **Sewer Only Residential | \$13.44 | \$13.83 | \$13.83 |
| Non-Residential | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Non-Residential Minimum Charge | \$11.50 | \$9.49 | \$9.49 |

*Note: The fixed charge is billed monthly per dwelling unit. For example, starting January 1, 2022, a 2-unit multifamily building would be charged \$4.10 x 2 units, or \$8.20 total for the fixed charge plus \$0.60 cents per unit of water used. A 40-unit apartment complex would be charged \$4.10 x 40 units, or \$164.00 total for the fixed charge plus \$0.60 cents per unit of water used.

**Note: Residential units connected to the City sewer system that do not receive water service from the City of La Habra shall pay the flat monthly rate shown for each residential unit.

Variable Sewer Use Charge (Billed per hundred cubic feet, ccf, of water usage)

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>1/1/2022</u> | <u>1/1/2023</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Residential | | | |
| Residential | \$0.49 | \$0.44 | \$0.44 |
| Apartment | \$0.69 | \$0.60 | \$0.60 |
| Non-Residential | \$1.24 | \$1.19 | \$1.19 |

HOW DO I PROTEST THE RATE ADJUSTMENTS?

If you wish to oppose the proposed rate adjustments, you must submit a written protest to be considered, even if you plan to attend the public hearing. If written protests are submitted by a majority of the affected property owners, the proposed rate adjustments will not be imposed. Your written protest must be received by the City Clerk prior to the close of the public hearing on December 6, 2021. Emailed protests will not be accepted. Written protests must contain a description of the property, such as a parcel number or address and account number. The protest must also bear the original signature of either the property owner or the water customer of record. Only one protest for each property or address will be counted. Please indicate that it is the water and/or sewer rate change that you are protesting and send or deliver your written protest to **City Clerk, La Habra City Hall, 110 E. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631**. For questions or additional information regarding the proposed rate adjustments, call the Public Works Department at (562) 383-4170.



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