

Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES

Dear Customer:

The City of Glendale is proposing a wastewater rate increase for its wastewater utility. You are receiving this notice because you are the owner of real property and/or you receive wastewater service from the City of Glendale. This notice explains the proposed wastewater rate increase which will be recommended to the Glendale City Council at the date, time, and location specified below.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for the proposed wastewater rate increase will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Glendale Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, Second (2nd) Floor, Glendale, California 91206.

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR A WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE?

The wastewater generated by Glendale's residents and businesses is collected by the City's 360 miles of wastewater infrastructure. Approximately 21.4 million gallons of wastewater per day are treated at either the City of Los Angeles' Hyperion Treatment Plant or at the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAGWRP). The costs of wastewater treatment are distributed among contracting entities based on an Amalgamated Agreement for the regional system costs as well as pursuant to a local Joint Power Agreement for LAGWRP.

It has been more than 19 years since the City adopted a wastewater rate increase. The last wastewater rate increase that the City adopted was in 1999. Since that time, the cost of service to collect, convey and treat the wastewater in the City has increased substantially. Primary factors affecting the need for wastewater rates increase are:

- Sustaining the current level of service to our customers,
- Implementing the City's local wastewater system capital improvement program,
- Funding projected wastewater treatment system capital improvements for Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant and the City's share of the Regional Amalgamated costs, and
- Supporting operations and maintenance to ensure a safe and reliable wastewater system for our community

The proposed rates are based on the need to meet the revenue requirement, cost of service, and rate structuring requirements of the City's wastewater utility. The proposed wastewater rates were calculated based on the "pay for what you use" rate structure that calculates the cost of providing wastewater services to the users according to their usage and retaining the current ratio of usage based charges among the five customer classes. The usage based charges for Single Family customer includes utilizing account-level metered water usage taken during the January through March period ("winter-water"), when outdoor irrigation is at a minimum as the basis for monthly wastewater discharge for each Single Family customer.

WHAT THE CITY OF GLENDALE HAS DONE TO CONTROL COSTS

Over the past several years, the City has engaged in practices to effectuate cost-savings. The City is constructing the Chevy Chase Sewer Diversion Project to treat more sewage locally at the Los Angeles Glendale Water Reclamation Plant that will provide long term treatment cost savings. The City has downsized its staff and consolidated the work to reduce overhead costs and improve efficiency. City's staff works hard to continue providing wastewater services to our community in a safe, reliable and cost effective manner. Staff strives to provide exceptional customer service while making efforts to reduce expenses when possible. The City of Glendale is a public agency and does not operate on a for-profit basis.

The wastewater rate increase proposed by staff supports operations, maintenance and necessary capital improvements to ensure a safe and reliable wastewater system for our community. The proposed wastewater rate increase is necessary to fund the City's costs of operating and maintaining the wastewater mains and wastewater treatment system without jeopardizing the level of service to Glendale residents.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY WASTEWATER BILL?

As an example, in the proposed first year increase, a single-family residential (SFR) customer in Glendale will see the monthly flat fee increase from \$2.30 to \$3.93 and their usage charge will increase from \$1.23 per hcf to \$2.10 per hcf and the change in each

customer's specific winter water (Jan-Mar) usage. As shown in the following table, wastewater rate increase is proposed to meet the identified wastewater costs in each year of the 4-year period:

	Current Rate	Proposed Rates			
	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
Monthly Flat Fee per Elec. Acct.	\$2.30	\$3.93	\$4.21	\$4.36	\$4.49
SFR Winter Water charge per HCF	\$1.23	\$2.10	\$2.25	\$2.33	\$2.40
Multi-family charge per HCF	\$1.31	\$2.24	\$2.40	\$2.49	\$2.56
Commercial – Low Strength Charge per HCF	\$1.39	\$2.38	\$2.54	\$2.64	\$2.72
Commercial – Medium Strength Charge per HCF	\$2.02	\$3.45	\$3.70	\$3.83	\$3.95
Commercial – High Strength Charge per HCF	\$3.85	\$6.58	\$7.04	\$7.30	\$7.52

Notes:

Fiscal Year " FY" 18-19 Rates are scheduled to be effective on July 5, 2018. All subsequent increases to be effective on July 1 of each following year.

HCF means one hundred cubic feet, which is equivalent to 748 gallons.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS:

You can get more detailed information by contacting the Public Works Department – Engineering Division at (818) 548-3945.

In addition, two Community Meetings have been scheduled to discuss the wastewater rate increase with customers.

- **Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** – Adult Recreation Center, 201 E. Colorado Street, Glendale, CA 91206
- **Thursday, May 3, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** - Sparr Heights Senior Center, 1613 Glencoe Way, Glendale, CA 91208

HOW TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED CHANGES

Glendale City Council will consider the proposed wastewater rate increase along with the revised Ordinance Relating To Wastewater Rates, at a public hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Glendale Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, Second (2nd) Floor, Glendale, California 91206.

Under Proposition 218, if you are the owner of record, or a tenant, of a parcel(s) subject to the proposed wastewater rates, you may submit a written protest against the proposed wastewater rate increase. If written protests are filed by a majority of the affected property owners, the proposed wastewater rate increase will not be imposed.

A written protest must contain a description of the parcel or parcels in which the party signing the protest has an interest sufficient to identify the parcel(s) including Assessor's Parcel Number (APN). If the party signing the protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of Los Angeles County as the owners of the parcel(s), the protest must contain, or be accompanied by, written evidence that such party is the owner, or tenant, of the parcel(s).

Written protests regarding the proposed new wastewater rate increase may be mailed to: City of Glendale, City Clerk, 613 E. Broadway, Room 110, Glendale, California 91206. Written protests may also be personally delivered to the City Clerk at this address. To be valid, a protest must be in writing and received by the City Clerk at or before the time of the protest hearing.

This notice is being sent to property owners in the City of Glendale listed in the Los Angeles County Assessor's database as well as to all individuals who are sewer customer account holders. As a result, you may receive this notice in duplicate. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.