

# Notice of Public Hearing

In connection with the proposed sewer collection system rate increase

## Public Hearing: July 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm

City of Pacific Grove Pacific Grove City Council Chambers  
300 Forest Avenue  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

The City of Pacific Grove's Public Works Department Superintendent ("City") has filed with the State Clearinghouse a Sewer Collection System Master Plan that describes the capital improvement program. Associated with the Master Plan are proposed increases in the City's Sewer Collection System User Fees (the "Sewer Rates"). Sewer Rate revenues are used to pay for sewer collection system operations and maintenance and capital improvement projects required to meet federal, state, and City standards. The projects to be undertaken are more fully described in the Sewer Collection System Master Plan, adopted by the City Council on May 21, 2014. The proposed Sewer Rates per month are shown on Exhibit A. As indicated on Exhibit A the proposed Sewer Rates will go into effect on August 1, 2015 and increase on July 1 every year through June 30, 2025.

### Public Notice Requirement to Property Owners

Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), requires a notification be sent to the sewer customer and/or owner of each identified parcel, upon which any increases in Sewer Rates are being proposed for adoption by the City Council, at least 45 days in advance of the public hearing.

As customer of record and/or owner of real property within the City limits subject to the Sewer Rate, you are hereby advised that at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2015 a public hearing will be held by the City Council Chambers at the City of Pacific Grove's City Hall located at 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 to consider adoption of a resolution modifying the Sewer Rates for residential and non-residential customers. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council shall make its determination on the amount of the Sewer Rate.

### To Protest the Proposed Rate Increases, You Must Submit a Written Letter of Protest

If you oppose the proposed Sewer Rate increase, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered, even if you plan to attend the public hearing. Your written protest must be received by the City prior to the close of the public comment period at the July 15, 2015 public hearing. You have the right to withdraw a written protest that you previously submitted prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

You may use the written protest form included as Exhibit B if you wish to protest the proposed Sewer Rate increase. All protests must contain the following information: 1) identification of the property by address and assessor parcel number; 2) that you are the property owner of record, 3) each protest must include an original signature, and 4) an unequivocal statement that submission is a protest against the Proposed Rate Increase. Written protests will not be accepted by email or fax. Verbal protests will not be counted. Please note that if you were not the owner of the property as of the County of Monterey's last tax roll, you must include written confirmation that you presently own the property.

The City Council will consider all written and complete protests against the proposed Sewer Rate increase submitted before the conclusion of the public hearing. Only one protest per parcel, submitted by the owner of the parcel, will be counted. If written protests against the proposed increase are presented by the majority of property owners, the City Council will not impose the increase. If there is no majority protest and should the City Council adopt the proposed Sewer Rates, such Sewer Rates shall become effective on August 1, 2015.

### **Basis For Changed Sewer Rates**

The Sewer Rates charged by the City are changing as a result of the change in the cost allocation methodology and the City's need for upgraded facilities as described in further detail below:

- **Change in Methodology:** Historically, the sewer rates charged by the City have been based on the charges for collection and treatment by the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency. Treatment costs vary, in part, based on the nature of the flow. Treating wastewater from an industrial plant, for example, is more expensive than treating residential waste water. The City believes that it is more appropriate to base the City's rates, which cover costs for collection, but not treatment, on the volume of flow only. Therefore, the City has developed an updated cost allocation methodology, based on average sewage flow for each land use class.
- **Upgraded Facilities:** Per the Sewer Collection System Master Plan adopted by the City Council on May 21, 2014, the City's sewer collection facilities are recommended to be upgraded to meet current federal, state, and City standards. These capital improvement projects address deficiencies in the existing sewer collection system. In addition to the capital improvement projects, the Sewer Collection System Master Plan identifies costs to operate and maintain the City's sewer collection system efficiently and responsibly.

The City of Pacific Grove's Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the sanitary sewer collection system.

Please contact Mr. Daniel Gho, City of Pacific Grove's Public Works Superintendent, at [dgho@cityofpacificgrove.org](mailto:dgho@cityofpacificgrove.org) or (831) 648-5722 if you have any questions. For more information regarding the Sewer Collection System Master Plan and the Collection System Financial Plan and Rate Study please visit the City of Pacific Grove's Website at the following link: <http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/wastewater>

**Exhibit A  
Proposed Pacific Grove Sewer Rates**

		Sewer Rate Bimonthly City of Pacific Grove Portion ONLY (effective dates)									
Description	Units	8/1/2015	7/1/2016	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023	7/1/2024
Business/Govt	Location/Each Business	\$41.64	\$43.72	\$44.86	\$46.04	\$47.26	\$48.48	\$49.76	\$51.06	\$52.40	\$53.78
Residential-Vacant	Each Living Unit	\$17.98	\$18.88	\$19.37	\$19.88	\$20.40	\$20.94	\$21.49	\$22.05	\$22.63	\$23.22
Residential	Each Living Unit	\$53.94	\$56.64	\$58.12	\$59.64	\$61.20	\$62.82	\$64.46	\$66.14	\$67.88	\$69.66
Residential/Apartments	Each Living Unit	\$53.94	\$56.64	\$58.12	\$59.64	\$61.20	\$62.82	\$64.46	\$66.14	\$67.88	\$69.66
Residential/Apartments-Vacant	Each Living Unit	\$17.98	\$18.88	\$19.37	\$19.88	\$20.40	\$20.94	\$21.49	\$22.05	\$22.63	\$23.22
Condominium	Each Living Unit	\$53.94	\$56.64	\$58.12	\$59.64	\$61.20	\$62.82	\$64.46	\$66.14	\$67.88	\$69.66
Condo/Retirement	Each Living Unit	\$53.94	\$56.64	\$58.12	\$59.64	\$61.20	\$62.82	\$64.46	\$66.14	\$67.88	\$69.66
Minimum/Vacancy	Location/Each Business	\$17.98	\$18.88	\$19.37	\$19.88	\$20.40	\$20.94	\$21.49	\$22.05	\$22.63	\$23.22
Motel/Hotel	Each Room	\$23.40	\$24.58	\$25.22	\$25.88	\$26.56	\$27.26	\$27.96	\$28.70	\$29.46	\$30.22
Bed & Breakfast Inn	Each Room	\$15.42	\$16.20	\$16.62	\$17.06	\$17.50	\$17.96	\$18.42	\$18.92	\$19.40	\$19.92
Supermarkets	Location	\$227.50	\$238.88	\$245.14	\$251.56	\$258.14	\$264.90	\$271.84	\$278.98	\$286.28	\$293.78
Medical Office	Each Licensed Physician	\$55.66	\$58.46	\$59.98	\$61.56	\$63.16	\$64.82	\$66.52	\$68.26	\$70.06	\$71.88
Dental Office	Each Licensed Dentist	\$76.76	\$80.60	\$82.72	\$84.88	\$87.10	\$89.38	\$91.72	\$94.14	\$96.60	\$99.12
Rest Home/Convalescent	Each Bed of Licensed Capacity	\$15.42	\$16.20	\$16.62	\$17.06	\$17.50	\$17.96	\$18.42	\$18.92	\$19.40	\$19.92
General Hospital	Each Bed of Licensed Capacity	\$91.32	\$95.90	\$98.40	\$100.98	\$103.64	\$106.34	\$109.14	\$112.00	\$114.92	\$117.94
Animal Hospital	Location/Each Licensed Business	\$101.64	\$106.72	\$109.52	\$112.38	\$115.32	\$118.34	\$121.44	\$124.62	\$127.90	\$131.24
Restaurant 1 meal/day	Each Restaurant Seat	\$1.98	\$2.08	\$2.14	\$2.20	\$2.26	\$2.32	\$2.38	\$2.44	\$2.50	\$2.56
Restaurant 2 meals/day	Each Restaurant Seat	\$3.12	\$3.28	\$3.36	\$3.44	\$3.54	\$3.64	\$3.72	\$3.82	\$3.92	\$4.04
Restaurant 3 meals/day	Each Restaurant Seat	\$5.98	\$6.28	\$6.44	\$6.62	\$6.78	\$6.96	\$7.14	\$7.34	\$7.52	\$7.72
Restaurant with Bar	Each Restaurant Seat	\$5.98	\$6.28	\$6.44	\$6.62	\$6.78	\$6.96	\$7.14	\$7.34	\$7.52	\$7.72
Bar	Location/Each Business	\$90.46	\$94.98	\$97.48	\$100.04	\$102.66	\$105.34	\$108.10	\$110.94	\$113.84	\$116.82
Nightclub	Location/Each Business	\$271.14	\$284.70	\$292.16	\$299.82	\$307.68	\$315.74	\$324.00	\$332.50	\$341.20	\$350.14
Takeout Food - Small	Location/Each Business	\$101.04	\$106.10	\$108.88	\$111.72	\$114.66	\$117.66	\$120.74	\$123.90	\$127.14	\$130.48
Takeout Food - Medium	Location/Each Business	\$248.60	\$261.02	\$267.86	\$274.88	\$282.08	\$289.48	\$297.06	\$304.84	\$312.82	\$321.02
Takeout Food - Large	Location/Each Business	\$453.28	\$475.94	\$488.42	\$501.20	\$514.34	\$527.82	\$541.64	\$555.84	\$570.40	\$585.34
Bakery	Location/Each Business	\$81.94	\$86.04	\$88.30	\$90.60	\$92.98	\$95.42	\$97.92	\$100.48	\$103.12	\$105.82
Theater	Per Screen @ Each Location	\$134.44	\$141.16	\$144.86	\$148.64	\$152.54	\$156.54	\$160.64	\$164.86	\$169.18	\$173.60
Bowling Center	Location/Each Business	\$409.04	\$429.50	\$440.74	\$452.30	\$464.14	\$476.30	\$488.78	\$501.58	\$514.74	\$528.22
Gym	Per 500 members	\$41.64	\$43.72	\$44.86	\$46.04	\$47.26	\$48.48	\$49.76	\$51.06	\$52.40	\$53.78
Mortuary	Location/Each Business	\$110.48	\$116.00	\$119.04	\$122.16	\$125.36	\$128.64	\$132.02	\$135.48	\$139.02	\$142.68
School (Minimum)	Student Population	\$41.64	\$43.72	\$44.86	\$46.04	\$47.26	\$48.48	\$49.76	\$51.06	\$52.40	\$53.78
School (Grades 0-6)	Student Population	\$0.58	\$0.62	\$0.62	\$0.64	\$0.66	\$0.68	\$0.70	\$0.72	\$0.74	\$0.76
School (7-College)	Student Population	\$1.12	\$1.18	\$1.22	\$1.24	\$1.28	\$1.30	\$1.34	\$1.38	\$1.42	\$1.46
Boarding School	Student Population	\$11.42	\$12.00	\$12.32	\$12.64	\$12.96	\$13.30	\$13.66	\$14.02	\$14.38	\$14.76
Instructional Facility	Student Population	\$41.64	\$43.72	\$44.86	\$46.04	\$47.26	\$48.48	\$49.76	\$51.06	\$52.40	\$53.78
Church	Per 100 members	\$41.64	\$43.72	\$44.86	\$46.04	\$47.26	\$48.48	\$49.76	\$51.06	\$52.40	\$53.78
Photo / Laboratory / Printer	Per 10 employees	\$41.64	\$43.72	\$44.86	\$46.04	\$47.26	\$48.48	\$49.76	\$51.06	\$52.40	\$53.78
Service Station/Garage	Location/Each Business	\$39.96	\$41.96	\$43.06	\$44.20	\$45.36	\$46.54	\$47.76	\$49.02	\$50.30	\$51.62
Paint and Body Shops	Per 10 employees	\$41.64	\$43.72	\$44.86	\$46.04	\$47.26	\$48.48	\$49.76	\$51.06	\$52.40	\$53.78
Dry Cleaner	Location/Each Business	\$137.88	\$144.78	\$148.58	\$152.46	\$156.46	\$160.56	\$164.76	\$169.08	\$173.52	\$178.06
Laundromat	Each Washing Machine	\$36.24	\$38.06	\$39.06	\$40.08	\$41.12	\$42.20	\$43.32	\$44.44	\$45.62	\$46.80
Special User [2]	Individual Determination	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

[1] Special User means any establishment, which cannot be classified in any other category, based on their individual flow. The rate for special users are determined based on estimated flow rates.

**Exhibit B**

**City of Pacific Grove Public Works  
Wastewater Department  
July 15, 2015 Public Hearing  
Written Protest**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, protest the proposed increase to the sewer collection system user fees.

Property Address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number:

\_\_\_\_\_, California 939\_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Property Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Assessor's Parcel Number)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature must be for the property owner and/or sewer customer for this address)

**Written protests must be received at Pacific Grove City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove 93950 no later than the close of the public comment period during the public hearing scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2015. Please address written protests to:**

City of Pacific Grove, City Hall  
Attention: City Clerk  
300 Forest Avenue  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950