

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO  
CONSIDER PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
SEWER, WATER, & SOLID WASTE FEES**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Whittier City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA to consider proposed changes to fees for sewer, water, and solid waste services in the City's service areas for Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17. Protests to the proposed increases must be delivered in writing to the City Clerk, City of Whittier, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602, prior to the conclusion of the public hearing on June 9, 2015. Please include the Whittier customer address with any correspondence.

These changes in fees will cover operating and capital expenses required to maintain sewer, water and solid waste services in compliance with regulations governing public health and environmental protection. In addition, the City Council established a target to replace old water facilities over a 40 year period and old sewer facilities over a 30 year period. The proposed maximum fee increases represent the final 2 years of increases required to reach that target. Proposed fee increases for an example residential customer will be approximately \$0.66/mo for sewer and \$6.73/mo for water (the example customer uses 11 billing units of water per month) over each of the next two years. The proposed maximum fee increase for solid waste services is 3.22% in 2015-16 and 4% in 2016-17.

Additional information regarding proposed service fee changes can be obtained on the City website at <http://www.cityofwhittier.org> or by calling (562) 567-9500.

**Sewer Fees.** The City of Whittier provides sewer service for the entire City. Sewer service charges are based on measured water usage and are collected on the County property tax bill. A maximum increase of \$0.06 is being proposed to the billing unit rate for each of the next two years for residential customers. These combined increases are expected to fund the repair and replacement of our

aging sewer system over the next 30 years. A resident using 11 billing units of water per month last year and the same next year will see a \$7.92 increase on their annual sewer bill, bringing the bill for that resident to a total of \$112.20 in 2015-16 and \$120.12 in 2016-17.

| <b>Sewer – Proposed Annual Rate per billing unit (BU) (1 BU=100 cu ft = 748 gal) of water</b> |                     |                             |                             |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>User Type</b>  | <b>Current Rate</b> | <b>Proposed Rate 8/1/15</b> | <b>Proposed Rate 8/1/16</b> |
| Residential   | \$0.79              | \$0.85                      | \$0.91                      |
| Multi Residential   | \$0.79              | \$0.85                      | \$0.91                      |
| Commercial-Industrial   | \$1.06              | \$1.14                      | \$1.22                      |
| Qualified Low Income  | \$0.43              | \$0.46                      | \$0.50                      |
| Private Development   | \$0.43              | \$0.46                      | \$0.50                      |

| <b>Sewer – Proposed Annual Maximum Fee</b> |                    |                            |                            |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>User Type</b>                           | <b>Current Max</b> | <b>Proposed Max 8/1/15</b> | <b>Proposed Max 8/1/16</b> |
| Residential                                | \$236.24           | \$255.14                   | \$273.00                   |
| Multi Residential                          | \$141.74 per unit  | \$153.08 per unit          | \$163.80 per unit          |
| Commercial-Industrial                      | No Max             | No Max                     | No Max                     |
| Qualified Low Income                       | \$130.89           | \$141.36                   | \$151.26                   |
| Private Development                        | \$236.24           | \$255.14                   | \$273.00                   |

**Water Service Fees.** The City of Whittier provides water service to the western side of the City (the rest of the City is served by private water companies). Service area information is available at the City Public Works Dept. Water fees are based on a fixed service fee plus a water usage rate. They are included every other month in a City utility bill. The usage rate is proposed to remain at \$1.76 per billing unit (BU) for the first block of water consumed in a 2-month billing period and then increase (except for commercial and industrial customers) to \$2.50/BU for additional water used. The first block is proposed to be 40 BU per 2-month billing period for a residential ¾" customer. The first block is proposed to be proportionately greater for larger sized services. The proposed fixed fees for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and 2016-17 are proposed to increase as

shown in the table below. These combined increases are expected to fund the repair and replacement of our aging water system over the next 40 years. Total water fees are calculated by multiplying the usage rate by the water used and adding the fixed service fee. For example, a customer with a ¾" meter using 11 units of water per month would have a proposed monthly fee of \$52.98 in 2015-16 calculated as follows:

$$11 \text{ units} \times \$1.76 \text{ usage rate} = \$19.36/\text{mo usage fee}$$

$$\$19.36 + \$33.62/\text{mo fixed fee} = \$52.98/\text{mo total water fee}$$

| <b>Water - Proposed Fixed Fee Component</b> |                                |                                     |                                     |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Meter Size</b>                           | <b>Current Fixed Fee/Month</b> | <b>Proposed Fixed Fee/Mo 8/1/15</b> | <b>Proposed Fixed Fee/Mo 8/1/16</b> |
| ¾"  | \$ 28.02                       | \$ 33.62                            | \$ 40.35                            |
| 1"  | \$ 41.85                       | \$ 50.22                            | \$ 60.26                            |
| 1 1/2"                                      | \$ 93.13                       | \$ 111.76                           | \$ 134.11                           |
| 2"  | \$ 126.24                      | \$ 151.49                           | \$ 181.79                           |
| 3"  | \$ 271.34                      | \$ 325.61                           | \$ 390.73                           |
| 4"  | \$ 368.15                      | \$ 441.78                           | \$ 530.14                           |
| 6"  | \$ 576.68                      | \$ 692.02                           | \$ 830.42                           |
| 8"  | \$ 603.05                      | \$ 723.66                           | \$ 868.39                           |

**Solid Waste Service Fees.** The City provides street sweeping service city-wide and solid waste collection service to the west side of the City (the rest of the City is served by franchised waste haulers). Service area information is available on the City's website and at the City Public Works Dept. City solid waste fees (included in the City utility bill) cover the cost of waste collection and disposal, recycling, and street sweeping. The franchised waste haulers collect the City's street sweeping fee on behalf of the City. The proposed fee increases are required to offset increased operational costs. A resident using a single 64 gallon garbage container at \$22.66/mo will see a maximum combined monthly increase of \$0.62 to \$23.28/mo in 2015-16 and \$0.93 to \$24.21 in 2016-17.



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