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# UPDATE FOR SEWER RATE PAYERS

The Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District provides wastewater conveyance and treatment service for the City of Sausalito and wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment service to Marin City, other unincorporated areas, National Park Service and Tamalpais Community Services District. The City of Sausalito provides sewer collection service within the City's boundaries.

Every five years or so, the District and the City of Sausalito routinely adjust their rates to properly plan and pay for necessary operating, maintenance, and capital replacement costs for the sewer system. Both the District and the City are currently considering updating their sewer rates.

## **Sausalito Rate Payers**

Sausalito rate payers currently receive two charges on their tax bill as the City and the District both provide sewer services.

For sewer fees charged by the City of Sausalito, the current average annual bill for a single-family home is \$631.19 a year and the proposed updates are an average increase of approximately \$39.42 a year or less than \$3.28 a month, over the next 5 years. If approved, the updated City rate would take effect July 1, 2019.

Current District rates for a single-family home in Sausalito is \$866 and the proposed updates are an average increase of approximately \$33 a year or \$3 a month, over the next 5 years. Updated District rates for Sausalito rate payers for treatment and transport would not increase until July 1, 2020.

Rates for condos, apartments and commercial properties vary.

## **Marin City and Unincorporated Rate Payers**

The current rate for a single-family home is \$944 a year and the proposed updates are an average increase of approximately \$88 a year or about \$7 a month, over the next 5 years. If approved, updated rates would take effect July 1, 2019.

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The City of Sausalito public hearing is **June 18th** at 7 pm, at 420 Litho Street, Sausalito.

For more information visit: [www.sausalito.gov](http://www.sausalito.gov) or call 1-800-676-7516, M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

The Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District public hearing is **July 8th** at 6 pm, at 420 Litho Street, Sausalito. For more information visit: [www.smcsd.net](http://www.smcsd.net) or call (415) 332-0244, M – F, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.



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## Why are updated rates necessary?

With the continued effects of climate change and ocean pollution, we all have a responsibility to keep the Bay clean by preventing hazardous raw sewage spills. Responsibly maintaining our local sewer system protects the community, our waterways, beaches and the Bay.

Raw sewage spills present health risks to our community and the Bay. Properly maintained pipes and infrastructure safely convey sewage – essential to maintaining a healthy, safe community and Bay. Funding from District and City ratepayers is used to upgrade and repair the local sewer system, significantly reducing raw sewage spills over the past decade and remaining in compliance with a 2008 Environmental Protection Agency Order.

## Why is the City of Sausalito also updating its rates?

Sausalito's 80-year-old sewer system is old and must be properly maintained. Many of our 20 miles of sewer pipe were built in the 1930s and are made of clay, which if broken, could allow infiltration or cause spills of raw sewage into the Bay. Without continuing to update current rates, the City does not have the money needed to continue essential sewer upgrades. The funds would come at the expense of other essential City services.

**These funds are legally required to stay local within our City and District and can only be spent on our sewer systems.** Sacramento and D.C. cannot take these funds.

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

The City and the District each have their own protest process on updating the rates. Please contact the applicable agency regarding protests.

If written protests against the proposed sewer service charge rates are presented by a majority of property owners of the parcels affected, the District or the City of Sausalito will not approve the proposed new sewer service rates. **For more information on how to protest and for inquiries, please contact the appropriate agency:**

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