

CITY OF MARYSVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CHANGES IN SEWER RATES

(To comply with Proposition 218, California Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6, the City of Marysville gives the following notice)

The Marysville City Council will hold a public hearing to consider proposed modification and increases to sewer charges for service furnished by the City, and to hear and consider objections and protests to the proposed modifications and the Report described below.

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at or after 6 pm

HEARING LOCATION: City of Marysville City Council Chambers, 526 C Street, Marysville, CA 95901

RATE STUDY REPORT: A report by IGService, dated June 12, 2019, describing details of the rate modifications and increases and the method used to calculate the rate modifications and increases (the "Report") has been prepared, and the contents of the report submitted to the Council. The Report is on file at Marysville City Hall, 526 C Street, and can also be found on the City of Marysville website.

AMOUNT OF PROPOSED SEWER RATE MODIFICATIONS: The amounts of sewer rates (existing and proposed) are on the attached rate table. For a residential unit, the present monthly cost for sewer is \$36.80. The proposed increased cost will be \$48.95 effective with bills issued on or after October 1, 2019, which is an increase of \$12.15 per month. Subsequent increases each July 1st for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, will be \$1.47, \$1.51, \$1.56, and \$1.60, respectively. For commercial customers, the fixed monthly rate increases 38 percent to \$16.00 per month. The volumetric rates increase between 41 and 93 percent. Subsequent increases are three percent per year for the next four years.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF SEWER RATES: The proposed modifications of Marysville's sewer rates provide for 1) added costs to connect Marysville's collection system to the Linda County Water District (LCWD) treatment plant, 2) added costs to pay Marysville's share of operating costs for treatment by Linda, and 3) additional funding needed to conduct major repair on Marysville's collection system. Rates have also been adjusted to more closely reflect cost to provide service between commercial and residential customers, and within the commercial rate structure.

BASIS FOR PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OF SEWER RATES: A description of how the modifications were calculated can be found in the Report on file at Marysville City Hall and on the City of Marysville website. In general, the basis is to charge customers in proportion to the burden placed on the wastewater collection and treatment system. The revenue from the modified rates and charges will not be more than the funds required for the City to provide adequate sewer service to you and other City customers.

PROCEDURE FOR HEARING AND DETERMINING MAJORITY PROTEST: At the time stated above, the Council will hear and consider all objections and protests, if any, to the proposed sewer rate modifications and other matters described in the Report. The Council may continue the hearing from time to time. At the close of the hearing, if **written protests** against the proposed modified sewer rates are presented and not withdrawn by a majority of the record owners of the parcels that would be subject to the modified sewer rates, the City may not impose the modified sewer rates; instead, sewer rates would continue at their existing, previously-approved amounts. If, at the close of the protest hearing, there is no majority protest as described above, the Council may approve the rate modifications, as proposed or as changed by the Council, to be effective commencing October 1, 2019.

PRESERVING THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE: Any person who wants to preserve the opportunity to file a lawsuit challenging the proposed sewer rate modifications, if imposed, or other matters described in the Report **must file a written protest** with the Council, stating the specific grounds of the protest. Any grounds not stated in a **written protest** filed with the Council before the close of the protest hearing on September 17, 2019, will be deemed waived and may not be raised in any subsequent lawsuit.

HOW TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES: All owners and tenants of property receiving City sewer services, and interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing noticed above. Written protests must be received (*not postmarked*) by the City Clerk before or during the public hearing. Any protest submitted by e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. The protest must be signed by the property owner(s) or tenant(s) and must include the assessor's parcel number(s) or street address(es) of all property(ies) serviced. Only one written protest per identified parcel or property will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a majority protest.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional inquiry about the proposed sewer rate proceeding, contact Jennifer Styczynski, Finance Director, at (530) 749-3903, or by email, jennifers@marysville.ca.us.

City of Marysville Sewer Rate Schedule (Proposed)

Category of Service		Present	10/01/19		Change	7/1/2020	7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023					
			Per Month			3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%					
Single-Family, and Multi-Family per unit		Per Month	Per Month			Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month					
		\$36.80	\$48.95	33%	\$50.42	\$51.93	\$53.49	\$55.09						
Commercial	Strength Classification ¹	Fixed \$/CCF ²	Fixed	Change	\$/CCF	Change	Fixed	\$/CCF	Fixed	\$/CCF	Fixed	\$/CCF	Fixed	\$/CCF
Offices	Low	\$11.56 \$3.38	\$16.00	38%	\$4.93	46%	\$16.48	\$5.08	\$16.97	\$5.23	\$17.48	\$5.39	\$18.01	\$5.55
Pretreatment	Low	\$11.56 \$3.50	\$16.00	38%	\$4.93	41%	\$16.48	\$5.08	\$16.97	\$5.23	\$17.48	\$5.39	\$18.01	\$5.55
Commerical/Industrial	Medium	\$11.56 \$3.89	\$16.00	38%	\$6.43	65%	\$16.48	\$6.62	\$16.97	\$6.82	\$17.48	\$7.03	\$18.01	\$7.24
Market/Bakery	High	\$11.56 \$4.11	\$16.00	38%	\$7.93	93%	\$16.48	\$8.17	\$16.97	\$8.41	\$17.48	\$8.67	\$18.01	\$8.93
Restaurants	High	\$11.56 \$5.56	\$16.00	38%	\$7.93	43%	\$16.48	\$8.17	\$16.97	\$8.41	\$17.48	\$8.67	\$18.01	\$8.93
Commercial by Strength Classification														
Facilities classified as Low Strength Discharge	Low	<i>new</i>	\$16.00	38%	\$4.93	<i>new</i>	\$16.48	\$5.08	\$16.97	\$5.23	\$17.48	\$5.39	\$18.01	\$5.55
Facilities classified as Medium Strength Discharge	Medium	<i>new</i>	\$16.00	38%	\$6.43	<i>new</i>	\$16.48	\$6.62	\$16.97	\$6.82	\$17.48	\$7.03	\$18.01	\$7.24
Facilities classified as High Strength Discharge	High	<i>new</i>	\$16.00	38%	\$7.93	<i>new</i>	\$16.48	\$8.17	\$16.97	\$8.41	\$17.48	\$8.67	\$18.01	\$8.93

1) See "City of Marysville Wastewater Strength Classification Guide for Rate Setting" for guidance on assignment of strength classifications.
 2) CCF (hundred cubic feet) is average potable water metered during November through March.

City of Marysville Wastewater Strength Classification Guide for Rate Setting

Class A (Low Strength)	Banks & Financial Institutions Barber Shops Post Office Retail Stores Offices - Business and Professional Libraries Schools without cafeteria Churches, Halls & Lodges
Class B (Medium Strength)	Beauty Shops Dry Cleaners Nail Salons Pet Groomers Commercial Laundromats Bars & Taverns Hospitals and Clinics- General, Convalescent & Veterinarian Hotels and Motels Medical and Dental Offices Pools with Restrooms or clubhouse Theaters Warehouses Car Washes High Tech Medical Manufacturing Light Manufacturing/Industrial Gym or Health Club Machine Shops without steam cleaning equipment Gas Stations, Garages, Auto Repair Shops without steam cleaning equipment Mini Marts without Dish Washer or Garbage Disposal Spa with Various Beauty Treatments
Class C (High Strength)	Restaurants Coffee Shops Ice Cream Parlors Catering Facilities Bakeries Butcher Shops Facilities with steam cleaning equipment Markets with Dish Washer or Garbage Disposal Markets with Bakeries or Butcher Shops Mini Marts with Dish Washer or Garbage Disposal Dairies (milk producers, yogurt, ice cream maker) Specialty Foods Manufacturing (e.g., cheese or olive oil maker)

Notes:

1. If an approved grease trap has not been installed in proper working condition, wastewater users generating Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) waste will be put into the High Strength user category.
2. Business industries not listed above shall be assigned to the appropriate classification (Low, Medium, or High Strength) based on the City's professional assessment of the strength of wastewater discharge.
3. These classifications are consistent with the results given in "Revenue Program Guidelines (Appendix G), March 1998 Edition, policy for implementing the state revolving fund for construction of wastewater treatment facilities, State of California Water Resources Control Board."