



# Sewer Rate Increases Reduced *Saving Taxpayers \$55 Per Year*

Thanks to low-interest loans and a new capital expenditure plan by Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San), the cities of Concord and Clayton have decreased previously adopted rates for sewer service fees.

Instead of raising rates \$45 per year for the next three years, the rates will only increase by \$10 in FY 20-21, \$25 in FY 21-22, and \$45 in FY 22-23. These modifications will save taxpayers \$35 this year, and \$55 per year for each following year.

In the summer of 2019, Concord and Clayton held public hearings and subsequently adopted a four-year plan for increases to the annual sewer service charges. These rate increases were primarily needed to fund substantial rehabilitation of Central San's treatment plant and Concord and Clayton's proportional share of treatment plant operational costs, which comprise more than 70% of Concord's Sewer Enterprise Fund's total projected expenditures. Those planned increases were reconsidered by Concord and Clayton in June 2020, resulting in the rates being lowered.

The Sewer Enterprise Fund provides for the maintenance and repair of sewer lines in the City of Concord and, by contract, in the City of Clayton, as well as portions of Contra Costa County. In addition, the City of Concord arranges for joint sewage treatment at the Central San treatment plant by paying a proportional share of the maintenance, operation, and capital improvement costs of the treatment plant.

Concord's Sewer Enterprise Fund pays these costs by levying an annual sewer service charge on each property that utilizes or has sewer service available to that property. This charge is placed on the property tax bill as a sewer service charge in these respective jurisdictions.

The changes to sewer fees and charges for Fiscal Year 2020-21 are listed in the table on the back page of this announcement.

**For additional information about sewer service charges, please contact the City of Concord Public Works Department at (925) 671-3448.**



# Notice To Property Owners

## Planned Sewer Service Charge Increase

**Charge Classification**                      **Existing Charge**    **FY 2020-21 Charge**

### Residential Owners

Minimum rate for any premises	\$637.00	\$647.00
Each single family dwelling unit	\$637.00	\$647.00
Each dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling structure	\$637.00 per unit	\$647.00 per unit
Mobile Home Park	\$637.00 per space	\$647.00 per space

### Commercial Owners – Charge based upon quantity of water used in cubic feet:

Minimum rate for any premises	\$637.00	\$647.00
Bowling Alleys	\$5.63 per HCF	\$5.72 per HCF
Car Washes	\$5.63 per HCF	\$5.72 per HCF
Health Studios & Gymnasiums	\$5.63 per HCF	\$5.72 per HCF
Hospitals – Convalescent	\$5.63 per HCF	\$5.72 per HCF
Multiple Unit Lodging (Hotels, Motels & Rooming Houses)	\$5.63 per HCF	\$5.72 per HCF
Laundromats & Laundries	\$5.63 per HCF	\$5.72 per HCF
Restaurants	\$11.20 per HCF	\$11.38 per HCF
Restaurants with pretreatment facilities approved annually	\$6.37 per HCF	\$6.47 per HCF
Bakeries	Determined individually	Determined individually
All others	\$6.37 per HCF	\$6.47 per HCF

### Institutional Owners

Minimum rate for any premises	\$637.00	\$647.00
As defined in CMC 13.05.010 except for Convalescent Hospitals	\$6.37 per HCF	\$6.47 per HCF

### Industrial Owners – Charge based upon quantity of water used and quality of effluent:

Minimum rate for any premises	\$637.00	\$647.00
Flow/Million Gallons	\$4,942.00	\$5,020.00
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D.) per 1,000 pounds	\$1,161.00	\$1,179.00
Suspended solid (S.S.) per 1,000 pounds	\$989.00	\$1,004.00



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