



**CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH – NOTICE OF
PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE TO FUND
MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, SERVICING AND IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE CITY’S SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING**

May 7, 2015

Dear Property Owner,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach will hold a public hearing at **7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter on June 23, 2015 in the City Council Chambers, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 90254** to take public testimony and receive any written protests on the proposed Sewer Service Charge that will be used to fund maintenance, operation, servicing and improvements to the City’s sewer collection system.

The City of Hermosa Beach proposes to collect funds to cover the expenses for the overall operation, maintenance and servicing of the city-owned sewer system as well as the funds deemed appropriate and necessary to pay for capital improvements and reserves for the next ten years. The City estimates that \$11 million worth of capital improvements to the sewer system will be needed over the next ten years (including rehabilitation and reconstructing pipes and manholes). The charge will also cover annual operation and maintenance costs for the sewer system. The proposed sewer service charge is based on the direct cost of providing the service, which includes staff, rent, utilities and other costs. The baseline for calculating the charge per parcel is a single-family residential lot. If approved, the proposed charge will appear on your annual property tax bill.

Typically in Los Angeles County on the average, a single-family lot generates 260 gallons of sewage per day (GPD). For purposes of comparing the various land uses for lots and parcels, 260 gallons per day is designated as the Equivalent Sewer Unit (ESU).

The rate per ESU for 2015/2016 of \$115 will multiplied by the ESUs for each residential parcel and by water consumption for non-residential to determine the charge for each parcel.

For residential parcels, the ESU and charge is calculated as follows:

LAND USE	ESU	ANNUAL CHARGE
Single Family	1.0	\$115

Condominiums	1.0	\$115
Multi Family (Charge is per unit)	0.6	\$69
Vacant parcels	0.5	\$57.50

For non-residential parcels, the ESU is calculated by the following equation:

ESU= [Commercial Water Consumption GPD]/260 GPD (the same GPD as a single-family residential lot).

Commercial Water Consumption information can be found on your water bill. Thus the ESU will be different for each non-residential parcel.

Due to the number of parcels in the City of Hermosa Beach that will be subject to the Sewer Service Charge, the charge per parcel cannot be provided in this notice. The actual Parcel Charges (a listing of the Assessor's Parcel Numbers and the amount to be levied on each parcel) is available in the Hermosa Beach City Clerk's Office in an electronic format. The list is available for public inspection during normal business office hours (1315 Valley Drive Hermosa Beach, CA 90254).

Because the costs of providing the sewer service may increase over time, beginning July 1, 2016 and each July thereafter for a period of five years, the rate per ESU established for 2015/2016 shall be increased for inflation by the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA Area (CPI), including all items as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics as of March 1 of each year, not to exceed two percent (2%) per year. An annual notice will be provided before an annual inflation increase will be applied. After the five-year period, the City may conduct another majority protest hearing to authorize inflation increases for an additional period not to exceed five years.

Any property owner or tenant may file a written protest against the proposed sewer charge with the City Clerk at any time before the end of the public hearing. The protest must identify the (a) address or Assessor Parcel Number(s) of the property (listed on your Los Angeles County Tax Bill or at <http://maps.assessor.lacounty.gov/mapping/viewer.asp> or contact City staff as indicated below), (b) name and signature of protester, and (c) a clear statement protesting the charge pursuant to this Notice. Only one written protest per parcel will be counted. Written protests must be received by the City Clerk prior to or during the public hearing on **June 23, 2015**. Written protests received after the close of the public hearing and protests submitted by telephone, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic form will **NOT** be accepted or counted. Postmarks are **NOT** acceptable.

This protest hearing is being conducted in accordance with Article XIID of the California Constitution (also referred to as Proposition 218). The City Council will not implement the new sewer charge if it receives written protests against the proposed charge from a majority of the properties subject to the proposed charge by the close of the public hearing. Please note that a protest proceeding is not an election. To ensure transparency and accountability in the protest tabulation, protests shall constitute disclosable public records from and after the time they are received. For additional information about the proposed sewer charge or your Assessor's Parcel Number, please contact the Public Works

Department at (310)318-0214. Questions about filing a protest should be directed to the City Clerk at (310)318-0203, City of Hermosa Beach, Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 90254. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Elaine Doerfling, City Clerk

CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH SEWER SERVICE CHARGE PROTEST FORM

IF YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE ANNUAL SEWER CHARGE, NO ACTION IS REQUIRED.

To protest the proposed Sewer Service Charge, you may complete this Protest Form, detach it, and mail or deliver it to the **City Clerk, City of Hermosa Beach, Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**. In order for this form to be counted as a valid protest against the proposed sewer charge, this form must be signed and received by the City Clerk no later than the end of the public hearing on **June 23, 2015**. You may also appear at the public hearing and submit a written protest at the hearing. Only one protest is allowed per property.

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____

I protest the proposed Sewer Service Charge.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am the owner or tenant of the above listed property and I am authorized to submit this protest.

Place signature here: _____

Print property owner name here: _____

Additional information on the rate changes may be obtained from the Public Works Department (310)318-0214. Questions about filing a protest should be directed to the City Clerk at (310)318-0203, City of Hermosa Beach, Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 90254. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

