



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE**

July 11th, 2023
City of Grass Valley
City Council Chambers
125 East Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Notice is hereby given that at the date, time and place shown above, the Grass Valley City Council will hold a public hearing to consider proposed water and sewer rate increases for the next five (5) years (Fiscal Years 2024 through 2028). The City charges these rates to fund its costs to provide service collection and treatment, including operating costs and ongoing capital improvements. Increases to water and sewer rates will enable the City to continue delivering safe and reliable service. This notice describes the proposed rate increases and notifies you of the public hearing.

All water customers currently pay a monthly fixed service charge by meter size and a volumetric rate (\$/Tgal)¹ based upon the monthly amount of water used. These charges are included in the rate table shown below.

Water Rate Schedule	Current Rates	Proposed Rates				
		FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28
Fixed Meter Charges						
<u>Monthly Fixed Service Charges:</u>						
5/8 inch	\$26.00	\$30.06	\$32.16	\$34.41	\$36.82	\$39.40
3/4 inch	\$39.00	\$37.09	\$39.69	\$42.47	\$45.44	\$48.62
1 inch	\$65.00	\$51.14	\$54.72	\$58.55	\$62.65	\$67.04
1.5 inch	\$130.00	\$86.29	\$92.33	\$98.79	\$105.71	\$113.11
2 inch	\$208.00	\$128.46	\$137.45	\$147.07	\$157.36	\$168.38
3 inch	\$390.00	\$578.30	\$618.78	\$662.09	\$708.44	\$758.03
4 inch	\$650.00	\$894.60	\$957.22	\$1,024.23	\$1,095.93	\$1,172.65
6 inch	\$1,300.00	\$1,773.19	\$1,897.31	\$2,030.12	\$2,172.23	\$2,324.29
8 inch	\$2,080.00	\$2,827.51	\$3,025.44	\$3,237.22	\$3,463.83	\$3,706.30
Commodity Charges						
<u>Rate per Tgal of Water Consumed:</u>						
Residential Uniform Rate	\$3.75	\$4.17	\$4.46	\$4.77	\$5.10	\$5.46
Non-Residential Uniform Rate	\$4.48	\$4.17	\$4.46	\$4.77	\$5.10	\$5.46
Temporary Meter Uniform Rate	\$4.48	\$4.17	\$4.46	\$4.77	\$5.10	\$5.46

1. Tgal = thousand gallon, or 1,000 gallons

1 Tgal means "thousand gallon" or 1,000 gallons of water.



All residential sewer customers currently pay a monthly fixed service charge by equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Non-residential customers pay a monthly fixed service charge and a volumetric rate(\$/Tgal) based upon the average monthly amount of water used in winter months (typically when irrigation use is at the lowest). These charges are included in the rate table shown below.

Sewer Rate Schedule	Current Rates	Proposed Sewer Rates				
		FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28
FIXED MONTHLY CHARGES (per unit)						
Single Family/Duplex	\$55.00	\$52.76	\$53.82	\$54.90	\$56.00	\$57.12
Multi Family	\$43.19	\$37.04	\$37.78	\$38.54	\$39.31	\$40.10
Mobile Home	\$31.66	\$37.04	\$37.78	\$38.54	\$39.31	\$40.10
Commercial	\$21.73	\$32.62	\$33.28	\$33.95	\$34.63	\$35.32
NON-RESIDENTIAL VOLUMETRIC CHARGES PER T GAL¹						
Commercial						
Class A Usage ²	\$4.43	\$4.52	\$4.61	\$4.70	\$4.79	\$4.89
Class B Usage ³	\$5.34	\$5.68	\$5.79	\$5.91	\$6.03	\$6.15
Class C Usage ⁴	\$9.42	\$13.31	\$13.58	\$13.85	\$14.13	\$14.41
Class D Usage ⁵	\$3.96	\$4.10	\$4.18	\$4.26	\$4.35	\$4.44

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2. Standard strength commercial customers include general, theaters, laundries, fairgrounds & dumping at WWTP.
3. Moderate strength commercial customers include hotels & motels.
4. High strength commercial customers include restaurants.
5. Class D commercial customers include schools.

If approved by the City Council, rates will change starting on October 1, 2023, subsequently on July 1st or each year thereafter to the amounts shown in this table.

Written protests from sewer customers or property owners may be submitted in writing any time **before the closing** of the City Council public hearing on July 11th, 2023. Protests may be mailed to the City, hand-delivered to the City Clerk’s Office, or brought in-person to the Public Hearing. Protests will be accepted and tabulated pursuant to Proposition 218 guidelines. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53755(b), only one written protest will be counted per parcel. If protests are received from property owners or customers with respect to a majority of the affected parcels (50 percent plus one), then the Council cannot approve the proposed rate increases.

To be included in the protest count, a protest must:

- Be signed by the property owner or customer of record;
- Include the address of the property for which the protest is submitted;
- Be received by the City **before** the end of the public hearing on July 11th, 2023;
- State that it is protesting the proposed water & sewer rate increase;

Address written protests as follows:

City of Grass Valley – Office of the City Clerk
 RE: Written Protest – Water & Sewer Rates
 125 East Main Street
 Grass Valley, CA 95945