



Proposition 218 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Woodland will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 300 First Street, Woodland CA 95695, and online via link provided at www.cityofwoodland.org. This public hearing is to consider adoption of proposed increases to rates for Water and Wastewater Utility Services.

You are receiving this notice because you are either a City of Woodland water or sewer customer or you own property that receives water services through the City of Woodland.

Reasons for the proposed rates and instructions for protesting the rate increases are described in more detail below.

The City of Woodland provides water and wastewater (sewer) services to close to 17,000 accounts and is committed to providing the highest water quality at the lowest possible cost for our customers. These utilities are operated to be financially self-sufficient. Monthly rates and charges are the primary source of revenue to fund these utility operations, which include system operations and maintenance, capital infrastructure improvements, debt service and costs related to long-term operational or financial management, such as maintaining adequate fund reserves and contingency planning.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER AND SEWER RATES

The City hired a consultant to perform an independent water rate study and sewer rate study (“Rate Study”) to evaluate the infrastructure needs, programs, and operations and maintenance costs of the City’s utility services and the revenues necessary to recover the costs for those services for the next five years. Costs to provide water and sewer services rise annually. The costs to buy water have increased, and rising costs for energy, fuel, infrastructure construction and maintenance, personnel to operate the systems, and supplies required for treating the water and wastewater impact the overall cost to provide services in a safe and reliable manner. Additionally, the City is required to comply with both Federal and State mandated regulatory requirements that place further costs on the utilities. Increases in the rates are necessary to recover sufficient revenue to meet these increasing costs.

IMPACT ON WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Water and sewer rates vary by size of water meter and type of wastewater effluent (i.e. rates are higher for restaurants and similar “high-strength” users). An example of a residential customer bill and the related proposed adjustments are shown below, and the complete schedule of rate adjustments under consideration is shown in Tables 2 and 3.

The example shown in Table 1 is for a monthly bill for a typical single-family residential customer with a 1” water meter and consumes 12 CCF of water.

TABLE 1 – RATE COMPARISON: TYPICAL SINGLE FAMILY CUSTOMER

	<u>Current</u>	<u>JAN 2022</u>	<u>JAN 2023</u>	<u>JAN 2024</u>	<u>JAN 2025</u>	<u>JAN 2026</u>
Water	\$103.41	\$103.03	\$106.12	\$109.26	\$112.57	\$115.93
Sewer	62.15	62.15	64.65	65.95	67.27	68.61
Total Bill	\$ 165.56	\$ 165.18	\$ 170.77	\$ 175.21	\$ 179.84	\$ 184.54

TABLE 2 – PROPOSED WATER RATES

	Current	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025	JAN 2026
Meter Charge (All customer classes)						
2" or smaller	\$55.65	\$54.55	\$56.20	\$57.90	\$59.65	\$61.45
3"	99.00	102.50	105.60	108.80	112.10	115.40
4"	165.00	170.80	175.00	181.30	186.80	192.40
6"	329.40	340.95	351.30	361.90	372.80	384.10
8"	329.40	545.50	562.00	579.00	596.50	614.50
10"	329.40	784.45	808.20	832.60	857.80	883.70
Consumption (per ccf)						
Residential						
0-12 CCF	\$3.98	\$4.04	\$4.16	\$4.28	\$4.41	\$4.54
13-36 CCF	4.79	4.72	4.86	5.00	5.15	5.30
36+ CCF	5.89	6.10	6.28	6.46	6.66	6.86
Non Residential						
Uniform Rate	\$5.18	\$5.14	\$5.29	\$5.45	\$5.61	\$5.78
Landscape						
Uniform Rate	\$5.86	\$5.29	\$5.45	\$5.61	\$5.78	\$5.95

*CCF = Centum Cubic Feet (hundred cubic feet). Water meters are read in CCF, and 1 CCF or unit is equal to 748 gallons.

TABLE 3 – PROPOSED SEWER RATES

	Current	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025	JAN 2026
Single Family Rates						
Fixed Charge						
Per Account	\$ 62.15	\$ 62.15	\$ 64.65	\$ 65.95	\$ 67.27	\$ 68.61
Multi Family Rates						
Fixed Charge						
Condo/Apartmt/3plex	\$ 40.55	\$ 40.55	\$ 46.61	\$ 47.54	\$ 48.50	\$ 49.47
Duplex	50.35	50.35	51.44	52.47	53.51	54.58
Non-Residential Rates						
Fixed Charge						
Low Strength	\$ 37.70	\$ 37.70	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.56	\$ 10.77	\$ 10.99
Med Strength	37.70	37.70	37.65	38.40	39.17	39.95
High Strength	37.70	37.70	40.56	41.37	42.20	43.04
Volume Charge						
Low Strength	\$ 7.75	\$ 7.75	\$ 7.49	\$ 7.64	\$ 7.79	\$ 7.94
Med Strength	8.95	8.95	8.46	8.63	8.80	8.98
High Strength	10.17	10.17	9.90	10.10	10.30	10.51
Schools Rate						
Fixed Charge						
Per Account	\$ 37.70	\$ 37.70	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.56	\$ 10.77	\$ 10.99
ADA Charge						
Per ADA	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.94

The full rate study documents for the Water and Wastewater Systems are available on the City’s website.

PUBLIC HEARING & PROTEST PROCEDURES

The Public Hearing for proposed rates will be held on **December 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** at the City of Woodland City Council Chambers, **300 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695**. Council meetings are also online via the link provided on each published agenda. The purpose of the hearing is to consider all *written* protests against the increases to the City's proposed water and sewer rate increases. Any owner or tenant of property receiving City of Woodland water and sewer services may submit a written protest against the proposed increases. However, if the identified parcel has more than one record owner and/or customer of record, only one written protest will be counted.

Each protest must be (1) in writing; (2) state opposition to the increase of water service fees; (3) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and (4) include the original signature of the record owner or customer of record submitting the protest. Written protests may be submitted by mail to **Utility Rate Adjustment Protest, c/o City of Woodland City Clerk, 300 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695, hand delivered to the City Clerk, 300 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695**. All protests must be received (not postmarked) by the City before conclusion of the public hearing. Protests submitted via e-mail or other electronic means cannot be accepted. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. As per State law, the proposed adjustments will not take effect if a majority of the customers file a written protest.

For further details regarding the basis and reasons for the proposed rate and fee increases, please visit our website at www.cityofwoodland.org where the complete Rate Study documents and other information regarding the City's water and sewer systems and rates is posted.

Una versión en Español de esta notificación esta disponible vía de la pagina de Internet de la Ciudad de Woodland