

Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED SEWER AND SANITATION SERVICE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Hearing Date & Time: October 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible
Hearing Location: City of Wasco, Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

The public hearing will cover the proposed rate adjustment for sewer and sanitation services. This Notice has been sent to all property owners within the City of Wasco where the City provides sewer and sanitation services. If adopted, the proposed rate adjustments will become effective for bills issued on or after January 1, 2019 and for bills issued on or after January 1, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

This Notice of Public Hearing provides information regarding the proposed rate adjustments to property owners within the City of Wasco where the City provides sewer and sanitation services pursuant to the requirements of California Constitution Article XIII D Section 6 (commonly referred to as Proposition 218). The proposed rate adjustments will be presented to the City Council on October 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Wasco Council Chambers. This Notice also provides information on how rates are calculated, the reasons for the required rate adjustments, how customers can receive more information on the effect of the proposed rate adjustments on their sewer and sanitation bill and how to file a protest against the proposed rate adjustments.

The City recently completed a comprehensive rate study of the revenues and expenditures for the sewer enterprise fund and the sanitation enterprise fund to ensure sufficient revenues are collected to effectively provide for the short and long-term sewer and sanitation service needs of the community. Revenues received from sewer charges and for sanitation charges are restricted solely for its respective enterprise fund.

Reason for the Rate Increase - The proposed rates were designed to fairly and equitably recover the cost of providing sewer services and sanitation services from all customer classes. The City has experienced a significant increase in operational costs, such as electricity, personnel, fuel for vehicles and chemical costs all have increased since the last rate adjustment. In addition, there are the increasing requirements from the State of California adding additional costs to the City's operations. Though at times the new requirements seem onerous, they are all ultimately intended to protect the health and safety for our Citizens.

HOW RATES ARE CALCULATED:

Sewer Rate Strategy –The rate study conducted includes a sewer rate (**\$4.51/100** cubic feet discharged) applied to commercial customers based on water usage obtained from monthly meter readings (\$28.54 per month minimum) and flat rates for residential, churches, and schools. The single-family residential rate is currently **\$23.78**, and the proposed rate is **\$28.54** per month in 2019.

Sanitation Rate Strategy –The rate study conducted includes sanitation rate based on size of containers and number of pickup times per week to determine monthly rate. The rate is calculated based upon a cost of \$9.46/cubic yard of available trash volume. The single-family residential rate is currently **\$28.12** and the proposed rate is **\$30.37** per month in 2019.

Additional rate information may be found on the City of Wasco website: www.ci.wasco.ca.us

Concerns, Please Contact Us For More Information:

If you have questions or comments about the proposed sewer and sanitation rate adjustments or wish to protest, you may:
Address the City Council: Attend the Public Hearing on October 16, 2018 **Telephone:** (661) 758-7214 **Write:** 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280.

Protests against the proposed rate adjustments must be submitted in writing, identify the property by street address or Kern County Assessor's Parcel Number, the owner(s) of the property, and includes the signature(s) of the property owner(s). Owners of multiple properties may submit one protest for each property owned. **If written protest against the proposed adjustments in the fees for sewer or sanitation service are filed at or prior to the hearing by a majority of the property owners, the City Council will not approve the rate adjustments.**

This is to certify that this hearing notice was published prior to September 1, 2018.



Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk