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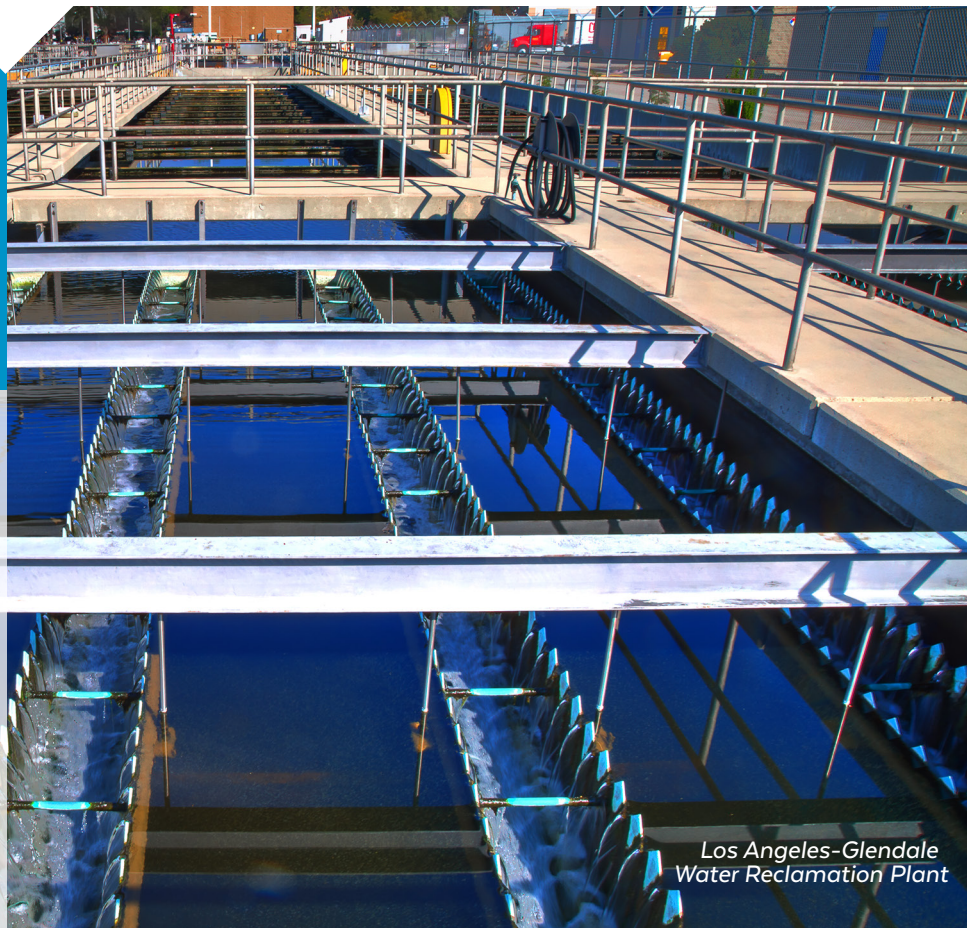


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES FOR LASAN CUSTOMERS

**August 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

Los Angeles City Hall
John Ferraro Council Chamber,
Room 340
200 North Spring Street,
Los Angeles, 90012



Los Angeles-Glendale
Water Reclamation Plant

NEW SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES PROPOSED



North Outfall Sewer Rehabilitation, 101 Freeway to Cardinal Street



Cochran-Adams Sewer Replacement Project

LA'S CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

The City of Los Angeles is proposing to resume Sewer Service Charge rate increases that were paused in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed increase is necessary to protect Angelenos' public health and the environment. You are receiving this notice to inform you of the proposed rates, scheduled informational webinars, and a public hearing where the LA City Council will consider adoption of the new rates.

The Sewer Service Charge you pay on your Los Angeles Department of Water and Power utility bill is the source of funding for LA's wastewater system. The charge is based on a percentage of the amount of metered water that you use. It provides revenues for operating and maintaining LA's 6,700 miles of sewers and four water reclamation plants that treat the sewage discharged into the wastewater system. It also provides for new sewer construction, repairs, and other wastewater infrastructure improvements.

We know that many households are still in need. There is financial assistance available for Angelenos. The City currently offers a discounted Sewer Service Charge rate through LA's EZ-SAVE Program. This assistance will continue for eligible households. See inside for more information.



PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Your Sewer Service Charge goes toward protecting Angelenos' health and the environment by making upgrades and repairs to LA's aging wastewater system and its reclamation plants. This is the system that safely removes wastewater from your homes, businesses, schools and community facilities, and then processes it at LA's four reclamation plants. Many pipelines need to be repaired or replaced and improvement projects for the sewers and treatment facilities are underway to continue making sure we protect public health and that we are safeguarding our environment, including our waterways, beaches and ocean.

YOUR SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES PAY FOR:



24/7 operations - wastewater - sewers and treatment



Routine maintenance and emergency repairs



Repairs and construction of new sewers and other infrastructure improvements



Environmental monitoring, public health protection



Increasing resiliency of facilities, building backup systems for greater safety



Community education and construction project notification



North Outfall Sewer Rehabilitation, 101 Freeway to Cardinal Street

PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES

Rates have been developed to bring in sufficient revenues to operate and maintain a safe and reliable sewer system. The proposed rates equitably allocate costs to our residential, commercial, industrial and other customer categories – and are proportional to your use of the City’s wastewater system facilities.

Proposed City of LA Sewer Service Charge Rates

	CURRENT	FALL 2024	MAR 2025	JULY 2025	JAN 2026	JULY 2026	JULY 2027	JULY 2028
Rates below apply to City of Los Angeles Sewer Service Charge customers								
\$/HCF*	\$5.80	\$7.08	\$7.56	\$8.48	\$9.28	\$10.13	\$11.01	\$11.96
Rates below apply to City of Los Angeles Low-Income Sewer Service Charge customers								
\$/HCF*	\$4.00	\$4.89	\$5.22	\$5.85	\$6.41	\$6.99	\$7.60	\$8.25
Rates below apply to industrial customers monitored by the Industrial Waste Management Division								
Low-Strength SSC - \$/HCF*	\$4.02	\$4.15	\$4.38	\$5.01	\$5.41	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$7.12
Biochemical Oxygen Demand \$/lb. of BOD	\$0.60	\$0.73	\$0.80	\$0.86	\$0.96	\$1.02	\$1.10	\$1.17
Total Suspended Solids \$/lb. of TSS	\$0.61	\$0.64	\$0.70	\$0.74	\$0.83	\$0.86	\$0.92	\$0.97
Rates below apply to customers that receive wastewater collection services from the City of Los Angeles and treatment services from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts								
Sewage Conveyance Charge \$/HCF*	\$0.87	\$1.89	\$1.95	\$2.25	\$2.38	\$2.51	\$2.63	\$2.91
Sewage Conveyance Charge Low-Income \$/HCF*	\$0.60	\$1.30	\$1.35	\$1.55	\$1.64	\$1.73	\$1.82	\$2.01

- \$/HCF = Cost (rate) per hundred cubic feet of water used. 1 HCF is equal to 748 gallons.
- Low-Strength = wastewater that contains BOD or TSS concentrations less than the designated BOD and TSS values.
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) = the amount of oxygen needed to degrade the organic matter in the wastewater.
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS) = total amount of suspended or “floating” particles in the wastewater flow.
- Sewage Conveyance Charge = this is a charge for the use of LA sewers only and excludes LA’s wastewater treatment systems.



North Outfall Sewer Rehabilitation

UPCOMING PROJECTS

In the next five years, the City will invest in hundreds of projects citywide, with anticipated costs exceeding \$3 billion.

Projects will be launched to build, enhance, or replace critical pumping plants that prevent sewage overflows.

Modernizing the North Outfall Sewer – the backbone of LA’s 6,700-mile sewer system – will be completed after two decades of construction projects, ensuring its service for generations to come.

Water reclamation plants will prepare for the resiliency needs for the future of Los Angeles.



BILL CALCULATOR: Your future sewer bills depend on the adopted rates as well as how much water you use. You can estimate your future sewer bills based on the amount of Sewer Service Charge HCF (Hundred Cubic Feet) shown on your last LADWP utility bill using our bill calculator at www.lacitysan.org/rates.

PROPOSITION 218 - THE PROTEST PROCESS

The City of Los Angeles will conduct a public hearing on August 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Los Angeles City Hall, John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, to consider the adoption of changes to the Sewer Service Charge rates, and to consider all written protests. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak at the public hearing, or may call one of the phone numbers shown below to listen. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as written protests.

Written protests may be submitted by mail to the City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Clerk, Election Division, 555 Ramirez St., Space 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Written protests that are submitted in person must be delivered to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the close of the public hearing. Written protests that are submitted by mail must be received by the Office of the City Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. All written protests must include 1) the printed full name and original signature of the owner or tenant submitting the protest; and 2) the street address and Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of the parcel. There is no guarantee that the APN printed in this mailer is correct. You must verify and provide the correct APN in case the one identified on this mailer is inadvertently incorrect. You have the option to use this form as your written protest and send it to the City Clerk.

Only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel. Protests submitted by email or other electronic means do not qualify and will not be accepted. At the time of the public hearing, or at the next practicable City Council meeting, the City Council will receive a final tabulation of all written protests received by the City Clerk. The City Council may approve the rate adjustments unless a majority of customers file valid written protests. Per California Government Code Section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.

I _____ protest the proposed Sewer Service Charge rate increases.
(Print name)

Assessor's Parcel Number _____

Property Address: _____

I am the: property owner tenant

Signature: _____

Council meetings can also be heard at (213) 621-CITY (Metro), (818) 904-9450 (Valley), (310) 471-CITY (West L. A.) and (310) 547-CITY (San Pedro).

ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED

Do you qualify for a 31% discount on your Sewer Service Charge?

We know that many households are still in need. There is financial assistance available for Angelenos. You and your household may be eligible for financial assistance to offset the impacts. The City currently offers financial assistance for the Sewer Service Charge to households in need through the EZ-SAVE Program. This assistance will continue for eligible households.

You will also be able to pay your bill monthly instead of bimonthly and this option is available to all ratepayers – there is no income eligibility requirement.

To find out if you qualify for the EZ-SAVE Program or to make the change to your billing schedule, visit:

www.ladwp.com/financialassistance



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INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS ABOUT PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES

Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:30 a.m.
[Click here to register](#)

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 6:00 p.m.
[Click here to register](#)



LASAN is offering Zoom webinars about the proposed rates. Please register in advance by going to the link provided above or the QR codes below. Meetings will start

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promptly. Presentations will be recorded and available for viewing at

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Email us at sansscrates2024@lacity.org

Or call 1-800-773-2489 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.