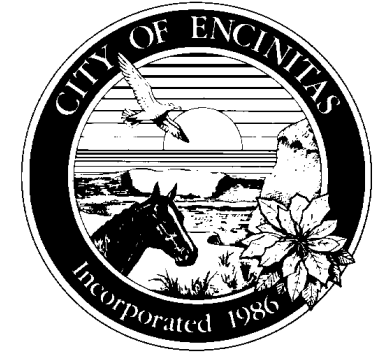


**City of Encinitas  
Cardiff Sanitary Division  
Proposed Sewer Service Rates**

The following tables show the current and proposed annual Sewer Service Rates for the Cardiff Sanitary Division. Sewer service charges are based upon a portion of water use at your property.



**Fixed Meter Charge (based on water meter size)**

Meter Size	FY24	FY25 15%	FY26 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY27 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY28 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY29 15% <sup>1</sup>
5/8"	\$47.13	\$54.20	\$62.33	\$71.68	\$82.43	\$90.67
3/4"	\$70.70	\$81.31	\$93.51	\$107.54	\$123.67	\$136.04
1"	\$117.83	\$135.50	\$155.83	\$179.20	\$206.08	\$226.69
1-1/2"	\$235.67	\$271.02	\$311.67	\$358.42	\$412.18	\$453.40
2"	\$377.06	\$433.62	\$498.66	\$573.46	\$659.48	\$725.43
3"	\$706.99	\$813.04	\$935.00	\$1,075.25	\$1,236.54	\$1,360.19

<sup>1</sup> "up to" % changes, subject to annual City Council review

**Variable Usage Charge (\$/HCF)\***

	FY24	FY25 15%	FY26 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY27 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY28 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY29 15% <sup>1</sup>
<b>Residential (Single/Multi Family)</b>						
	\$5.51	\$6.34	\$7.29	\$8.38	\$9.64	\$10.60
<b>Commercial (Based on Strength)</b>						
Low	\$5.79	\$6.66	\$7.66	\$8.81	\$10.13	\$11.14
Medium	\$7.53	\$8.66	\$9.96	\$11.45	\$13.17	\$14.49
High	\$11.31	\$13.01	\$14.96	\$17.20	\$19.78	\$21.76

\*HCF = 100 Cubic Feet (748 gallons)

**Sample Single Family Annual Sewer Service Charges  
(Low = 35HCF, Average = 87HCF, High = 300HCF)**

	FY24	FY25 15%	FY26 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY27 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY28 15% <sup>1</sup>	FY29 15% <sup>1</sup>
Low	\$239.98	\$276.10	\$317.48	\$364.98	\$419.83	\$461.67
Avg.	\$526.50	\$605.78	\$696.56	\$800.74	\$921.11	\$1,012.87
High (Max.)	\$1,700.13	\$1,956.20	\$2,249.33	\$2,585.68	\$2,974.43	\$3,270.67

City of Encinitas  
Office of the City Clerk  
505 South Vulcan Avenue  
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**Notice of  
Public Hearing  
On Adjustment to  
Cardiff Sanitary  
Division Sewer  
Service Rates**

**April 24, 2024  
6:00 PM**

**Encinitas City Hall  
Council Chambers  
505 South Vulcan Avenue  
Encinitas, CA 92024**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Article XI, III of the California Constitution (Proposition 218) that the Encinitas City Council will hold a **Public Hearing on April 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at 505 South Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, California 92024 in the City Council Chambers** to consider proposed adjustments to sewer rates for the Cardiff Sanitary Division (CSD) that are charged to the parcel for which you are shown as the property owner.

This mailing serves as notice for the proposed CSD Sewer Service Rate adjustments.

## Public Hearing Information

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider all written protests against the proposed adjustments to the rates used to calculate annual sewer service charges for properties connected to the CSD municipal sewer system. Each protest must: (1) Be in writing; (2) State that the identified owner is in opposition to the proposed adjustment to the rates; (3) Provide the location of the identified parcel (assessor's parcel number or street address); and (4) Include the original signature of the owner submitting the protest. Only one written protest per parcel will be accepted. **Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted.**

Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk at 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024-3633, or in person at the public hearing, so long as they are received prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person, that the enclosed letter is for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Adjustment to Cardiff Sanitary Division Sewer Rates. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will receive a final tabulation of all written protests received by the City Clerk. If a majority of written protests from property owners of record is

not received, the rate increase shall be considered for adoption by the City Council. If adopted, the new rates will become effective for bills dated on or after July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029. There is a 120-day statute of limitations to challenge the rates set forth herein. The 120-day period will begin on the date the resolution or ordinance adopting the rates is adopted.

## Explanation of Sewer Service Charges and Rate Adjustments

The CSD provides sewer services for the Cardiff and Olivenhain communities of Encinitas. The CSD is legally required to generate sufficient revenue to fully fund its sewer program. All revenues generated by annual sewer service charges are used solely to recover the costs of wastewater treatment, operation and maintenance of the system, planned capital projects, and to meet debt service obligations, including:

**Wastewater Collection and Treatment** – City crews routinely inspect and maintain 84 miles of sewer pipeline in the CSD. Some pipes are up to 80 years old. Wastewater is transported to the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility in Cardiff for treatment, recycling, and disposal.

**Capital Improvement Program** – Pipeline and treatment plant reliability are critical to providing safe, efficient wastewater collection services and protecting the environment. Several CSD facilities are located adjacent to the Escondido Creek and San Elijo Lagoon. Each year, funds are expended to repair, rehabilitate, and replace pipelines throughout the system.

Sewer service charges in the CSD are billed on the annual property tax bill. The charge is determined based upon water usage, with a pre-determined percentage subtracted to account for outdoor uses such as landscaping and irrigation.

Actual charges vary among users depending on their individual demands on the system.

Annual sewer service charges have two components: (1) a fixed charge based on water meter size which ensures that all customers share certain fixed charges for system maintenance whether there is usage or not; and (2) a variable component based on usage of the system.

The CSD's sewer rates are evaluated periodically to maintain adequate revenues to recover operating and capital costs. In 2014, the City prepared a Sewer Asset Management Plan which addressed long-term sewer system infrastructure needs. An accompanying Sewer Rate Study was completed and recommended a five-year financial plan identifying rate-based revenue requirements and recommendations for updated sewer service rates.

Based on recent and anticipated increases in operating costs and major capital improvements needed to ensure a safe, reliable wastewater collection system, the Study recommended the following annual increases in rates to meet projected revenue requirements. FY26-29 increases are "up to" amounts subject to annual City Council review.<sup>1</sup>

FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
15%	15% <sup>1</sup>	15% <sup>1</sup>	15% <sup>1</sup>	10% <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>"up to" % changes, subject to annual City Council review

The proposed rates and sample single family annual sewer service charges can be found on the reverse side.

For more information on sewer service charges, please visit [www.encinitasca.gov](http://www.encinitasca.gov) and search "sewer rates" or call 760-633-2859.