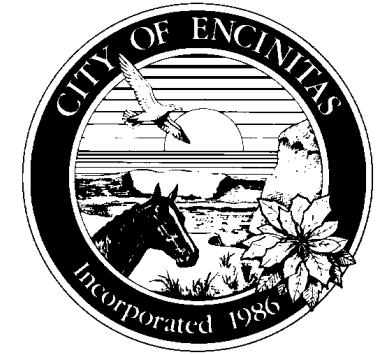


**City of Encinitas
Encinitas Sanitary Division
Proposed Sewer Service Rates**

The following tables show the current and proposed annual Sewer Service Rates for the Encinitas 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 19%	FY26 19% ¹	FY27 19% ¹	FY28 19% ¹	FY29 19% ¹
5/8"	\$34.97	\$41.61	\$49.52	\$58.93	\$70.13	\$83.45
3/4"	\$52.45	\$62.42	\$74.28	\$88.39	\$105.18	\$125.16
1"	\$87.42	\$104.04	\$123.80	\$147.32	\$175.31	\$208.62
1-1/2"	\$174.83	\$208.05	\$247.58	\$294.62	\$350.60	\$417.21
2"	\$279.73	\$332.88	\$396.13	\$471.39	\$560.95	\$667.53
3"	\$524.50	\$624.16	\$742.75	\$883.87	\$1,051.81	\$1,251.65

¹"up to" % changes, subject to annual City Council review

Variable Usage Charge (\$/HCF)*

	FY24	FY25 19%	FY26 19% ¹	FY27 19% ¹	FY28 19% ¹	FY29 19% ¹
Residential (Single/Multi Family)						
	\$5.19	\$6.18	\$7.35	\$8.75	\$10.41	\$12.39
Commercial (Based on Strength)						
Low	\$5.27	\$6.27	\$7.46	\$8.88	\$10.57	\$12.58
Medium	\$5.93	\$7.06	\$8.40	\$10.00	\$11.90	\$14.16
High	\$7.24	\$8.62	\$10.26	\$12.21	\$14.53	\$17.29

*HCF = 100 Cubic Feet (748 gallons)

**Sample Single Family Annual Sewer Service Charges
(Low = 35HCF, Average = 84HCF, High = 300HCF)**

	FY24	FY25 19%	FY26 19% ¹	FY27 19% ¹	FY28 19% ¹	FY29 19% ¹
Low	\$216.62	\$257.91	\$306.77	\$365.18	\$434.48	\$517.10
Avg.	\$470.93	\$560.73	\$666.92	\$793.93	\$944.57	\$1,124.21
High (Max.)	\$1,591.97	\$1,895.61	\$2,254.52	\$2,683.93	\$3,193.13	\$3,800.45

City of Encinitas
Office of the City Clerk
505 South Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024

**Notice of
Public Hearing
On Adjustment to
Encinitas 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 XIIIID 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 sewer rates for the Encinitas Sanitary Division (ESD) that are charged to the parcel for which you are shown as the property owner.

This mailing serves as notice for the proposed ESD Sewer Service Rates.

Public Hearing Information

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider all written protests against the proposed rates used to calculate annual sewer service charges for properties connected to the ESD 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 Encinitas 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 rates shall be considered for adoption by the City Council. If adopted, the rates will be 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 ESD provides sewer services for the central coastal portion of Encinitas. The ESD 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 40 miles of sewer pipeline in the ESD. Some pipes are up to 80 years old. Wastewater is transported to the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility in Carlsbad 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 ESD facilities are located adjacent to Cottonwood Creek and Moonlight Beach. Each year, funds are expended to repair, rehabilitate, and replace pipelines throughout the system.

Sewer service charges in the ESD 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 ESD'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.¹

FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
19%	19% ¹	19% ¹	19% ¹	19% ¹

¹"up to" % changes, subject to annual City Council review

The current/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 and search "sewer rates" or call 760-633-2859.