



**CITY OF BAKERSFIELD**

**PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO REFUSE AND SEWER RATES**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing accepting testimony will be held before the Bakersfield City Council at 5:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Wednesday June 3, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, for the purpose of considering increases to refuse and sewer rates. The new rates, if adopted, will go into effect on July 1, 2015. In compliance with Proposition 218, affected property owners within the City limits of Bakersfield are hereby informed of the proposed increases to refuse and sewer rates.

**Background:**

Bakersfield provides comprehensive solid waste (refuse and recycling) and wastewater (sewer) services for the protection and enhancement of the environment, the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Each service is required to be financially self-sufficient. The City's rate structures ensure the cost of providing service is fairly and equitably recovered from all customer groups. The General Fund does not support the refuse and sewer systems. Rising costs of operating and maintenance costs, utility costs, capital improvement costs, and costs to meet increasingly stringent regulatory requirements are the reason for the increases to the rates.

**Sewer Rates Changes:**

**Residential sewer rates are proposed to increase from \$205 to \$210 per year.** Residential customers pay a flat rate for sewer. The sewer fee is collected annually on the property tax bill. Other residential rates are listed in **Table A**.

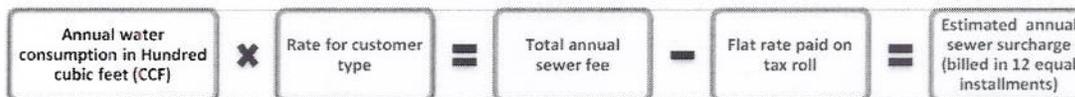
**Commercial sewer rates** vary by customer class or type of business. Sewer fees for commercial customers consist of a flat rate component, and surcharges. Commercial customers will only be charged surcharges when actual water flow exceeds what the customer pays for in their flat rate charges.

Sewer surcharges for commercial customers are based on prior calendar year water consumption. An example of the sewer surcharge calculation is found in **Figure 1**.

**Table A: Customer type and proposed sewer rates**

Table A Customer Type		Flat Rate - Collected on Property Tax Bill		Surcharge Rate for Commercial Customers	
		Current	July 1, 2015	Current	July 1, 2015
Single Family Residence	Unit	\$205.00	\$210.00	n/a	n/a
Multiple Dwelling or Mobile Home	Unit	\$153.75	\$157.50	n/a	n/a
Schools	ADA	\$8.20	\$8.40	n/a	na
Hotels, Motel, RV Park (No restaurant)	Room or space	\$61.50	\$63.00	n/a	n/a
Hotel, Motel RV Park with Dining	Room or space + Qty charge	\$61.50	\$63.00	\$1.88	\$1.98
Hospital	Bed + Qty charge	\$123.00	\$126.00	\$1.24	\$1.31
Church	Unit + Qty charge	\$205.00	\$210.00	\$1.30	\$1.37
Nursing Home	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.32	\$1.39
Small Store	Unit + Qty charge	\$205.00	\$210.00	\$1.30	\$1.37
Combination Store & Office	Unit + Qty charge	\$358.75	\$367.50	\$1.32	\$1.40
Large Store	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.30	\$1.37
Market (Grocery Store)	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$2.26	\$2.38
Shopping Center (with Restaurant or Market)	Unit + Qty charge	\$205.00	\$210.00	\$1.84	\$1.94
Office & Financial Building	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.24	\$1.31
Mortuary	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$2.26	\$2.38
Food or Beverage	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$2.30	\$2.43
Recreational	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.40	\$1.48
Laboratory	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.31	\$1.39
Car Wash	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.19	\$1.26
Service Shop	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.41	\$1.49
Petroleum (Gas Station)	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.41	\$1.49
Sales	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.24	\$1.31
Nursery	Unit + Qty charge	\$205.00	\$210.00	\$1.32	\$1.39
Light & Heavy Industry	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.32	\$1.40
Timber & Produce Plant	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.32	\$1.40
Food Processing	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.32	\$1.40
Warehouse	Unit + Qty charge	\$307.50	\$315.00	\$1.41	\$1.49

**Figure 1: Example of the sewer surcharge calculation**



**Table B: Sewer Rates for Permitted Industrial Users**

Table B: Industrial Users	Current	July 1, 2015
Flow / million gallons	\$1,502.49	\$1,577.52
BOD / 1,000 pounds	\$104.91	\$117.71
TSS / 1,000 pounds	\$115.03	\$112.49

**Refuse Rates Changes:**

Residential refuse rates are proposed to increase by 4.8 % from \$181.32 to \$190.02 per year. This 4.8% rate increase, will cover all hauling fees by the City. The residential fee includes the following services: Tan trash container, green waste container, blue recycling container, bulky item collection, curbside motor oil collection, a free greenwaste drop off, and street sweeping. Other Residential rates are listed in Table C.

**Table C: Residential Refuse Fee Schedule**

Table C: Residential Refuse Fee		
Customer Type	Current rate	July 1, 2015
Single Family Residence	\$181.32	\$190.02
Multiple Dwelling (2 units)	\$327.84	\$343.58
Multiple Dwelling (3 units)	\$491.76	\$515.37
Multiple Dwelling (4 units)	\$655.68	\$687.16

If your property is a multiple unit dwelling parcel of 5 units or greater or you are in the county, the refuse section does not apply to your property/parcel.

Commercial refuse rates will increase by 4.8%. Commercial refuse rates will increase by 4.8% for all customer classes, which will cover all hauling fees by the City. Refuse rates have not increased in the last six years. This rate increase is necessary to cover all the anticipated expenses in the next fiscal year.

**Table D: Commercial Refuse Fee Schedule:**

Commercial Detachable	Size	Number of Collections Per Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Bin Service (Monthly Rates)</b>							
Current Hauling Rate	1.5	\$77.34	\$105.07	\$166.33	\$232.01	\$302.05	\$377.92
July 1, 2015		\$81.05	\$110.11	\$174.31	\$243.15	\$316.55	\$396.06
Current Hauling Rate	2	\$96.68	\$131.31	\$207.95	\$289.64	\$377.21	\$471.30
July 1, 2015		\$101.32	\$137.61	\$217.93	\$303.54	\$395.32	\$493.92
Current Hauling Rate	3	\$115.98	\$157.59	\$249.51	\$347.26	\$452.33	\$564.68
July 1, 2015		\$121.55	\$165.15	\$261.49	\$363.93	\$474.04	\$591.78
Current Organic Waste Bin Haul	3	\$72.00	\$157.59	\$249.51	\$347.26	\$452.33	\$564.68
July 1, 2015		\$75.46	\$165.15	\$261.49	\$363.93	\$474.04	\$591.78
Current Organic Composting Fee	3	\$28.54	\$57.08	\$85.62	\$114.16	\$142.70	\$171.23
July 1, 2015		\$29.91	\$59.82	\$89.73	\$119.64	\$149.55	\$179.45
Current Blue Recycling Bin Haul	3	\$72.00	\$157.59	\$249.51	\$347.26	\$452.33	\$564.68
July 1, 2015		\$75.46	\$165.15	\$261.49	\$363.93	\$474.04	\$591.78
Current Blue Recycling Bin Haul	6	\$90.00	\$193.59	\$303.51	\$419.26	\$542.33	\$672.68
July 1, 2015		\$94.32	\$202.88	\$318.08	\$439.38	\$568.36	\$704.97

COMMERCIAL CART SERVICE	Current	July 1, 2015
Small Cart	15.41	16.15
Large Cart	\$19.25	20.17
2 Small Carts	\$30.82	32.30
2 Large Carts	\$38.50	40.34
Blue Cart Every Other Week PU	\$12.71	13.32

Please visit the City's web site at [http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/more\\_news.html](http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/more_news.html) for a detailed chart of all refuse rates or call 661-326-3114.

If you have questions regarding this notice or how it may affect your property, call (661) 326-3249 for sewer or (661) 326-3114 for refuse Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email staff at [pw\\_wwtr@bakersfieldcity.us](mailto:pw_wwtr@bakersfieldcity.us). Supporting documentation is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1600 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301.

PUBLIC COMMENT will be accepted in writing on or before the hearing date indicated above at the City Clerk's Office. Any interested person, including property owners, may appear and be heard to protest against the refuse and sewer rate

increases. Protests to the proposed increases must be delivered in writing to the City Clerk, City of Bakersfield, 1600 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield California 93301, prior to the conclusion of the public hearing on June 3, 2015.

All written protests must: 1) identify the assessor's parcel number 2) identify the address of the parcel and 3) include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest. If written protests are received from a majority of owners of the affected parcels, the proposed rate increases will not be approved.



ROBERTA GAFFORD, CMC

Clerk of the City of Bakersfield and

Ex-Officio Clerk of the Council