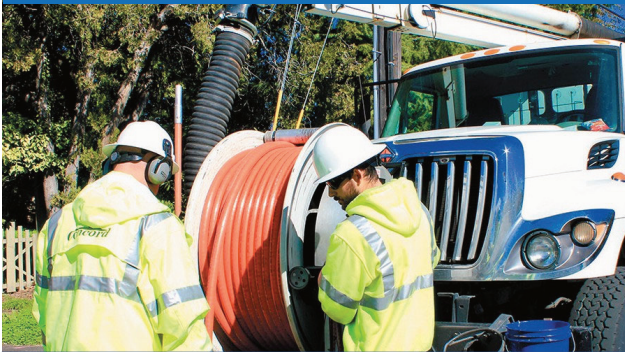




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Notice of Proposed Rate Increases &  
Public Hearing on  
Tuesday June 20, 2023  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Clayton Community Library - Hoyer Hall  
6125 Clayton Road



Annual Sewer Charges by Occupancy

Charge Classification	Existing Charge	Proposed Charge (per year)			
	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27
Residential Owners					
Minimum rate for any premises	\$717.00	\$760.00	\$806.00	\$854.00	\$905.00
Each single-family dwelling unit	\$717.00	\$760.00	\$806.00	\$854.00	\$905.00
Each dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling structure	\$717.00 (per unit)	\$760.00	\$806.00	\$854.00	\$905.00
Mobile Home Park	\$717.00 (per space)	\$760.00	\$806.00	\$854.00	\$905.00
Commercial Owners - Charge based upon quantity of water used in hundred cubic feet (HCF)					
Minimum rate for any premises	\$717.00	\$760.00	\$806.00	\$854.00	\$905.00
Bowling Alleys (per HCF)	\$6.34	\$6.73	\$7.13	\$7.56	\$8.01
Car Washes (per HCF)	\$6.34	\$6.73	\$7.13	\$7.56	\$8.01
Health Studios and Gymnasiums (per HCF)	\$6.34	\$6.73	\$7.13	\$7.56	\$8.01
Hospitals - Convalescent (per HCF)	\$6.34	\$6.73	\$7.13	\$7.56	\$8.01
Multiple Lodging Structures (per HCF)	\$6.34	\$6.73	\$7.13	\$7.56	\$8.01
Laundromats and Laundries (per HCF)	\$6.34	\$6.73	\$7.13	\$7.56	\$8.01
Restaurants (per HCF)	\$12.61	\$13.38	\$14.18	\$15.03	\$15.93
Restaurants w/ pretreatment (per HCF)	\$7.17	\$7.60	\$8.06	\$8.54	\$9.05
Bakeries (Determined Individually)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All others (per HCF)	\$7.17	\$7.60	\$8.06	\$8.54	\$9.05
Institutional Owners					
Minimum rate for any premises	\$717.00	\$760.00	\$806.00	\$854.00	\$905.00
As defined in Section 13.05.010 of the Concord Municipal Code (except for Convalescent Hospitals noted above) (per HCF)	\$7.17	\$7.60	\$8.06	\$8.54	\$9.05
Industrial Owners					
Minimum rate for any premises	\$717.00	\$760.00	\$806.00	\$854.00	\$905.00
Flow (per million gallons)	\$5,563.00	\$5,893.00	\$6,247.00	\$6,622.00	\$7,019.00
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (per thousand pounds)	\$1,307.00	\$1,382.00	\$1,465.00	\$1,553.00	\$1,646.00
Suspended Solid (SS) (per thousand pounds)	\$1,113.00	\$1,217.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,367.00	\$1,449.00

Notice to Property Owners of a Proposed Four-Year  
Increase in the Annual Sewer Service Charge



Notice to Clayton Property Owners

The City of Clayton owns its sanitary sewer system, but has always contracted with the City of Concord for operation and maintenance of the system, including the calculation of operation and maintenance fees. Central San then treats Concord and Clayton’s sewage.

The City of Concord is proposing an increase to the fees that property owners pay for sewer service. The fee is proposed to increase each year over the next four years. Since your property is connected to Clayton’s sanitary sewer system, this increase will affect you.

Sewer Service Charge

The current annual Sewer Service Charge for residential properties is \$717 per year which is insufficient to cover the increasing operational costs of conveying and treating sewage. Your sewage is collected by the City of Concord and treated by Central San. New regulations and aging infrastructure are driving up operational costs. Therefore, the Sewer Service Charge for residential properties is proposed to increase to: \$760 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24; \$806 for FY 2024/25; \$854 for FY 2025/26; and \$905 for FY 2026/27.

Commercial rates are proposed to increase as well but are based upon water usage and may vary from these amounts.

The amount of the fee is calculated by the City of Concord to fairly apportion applicable costs amongst sewer users according to the cost of providing service to that user; a detailed rate study was prepared to calculate the proposed charges.

New rates will commence on July 1 of each year.

Services Covered by the Sewer Service Charge

Most of the Sewer Fund’s expenses are attributed to the daily treatment of Concord and Clayton’s sewage at the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District’s (Central San) treatment plant. The costs include the maintenance, operation, and capital improvements at the treatment plant; and a proportional share (based upon population), of the cost to operate the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF). 72% of the amount you pay for sewer services goes to Central San for these items.

The remaining expenses include the cost of operating the city’s sanitary sewer system, routine maintenance, replacement and repair, and emergency reserves.

The Sewer Service Charge is collected annually via your property taxes. It appears in the “Special Taxes & Assessments” portion of the Property Tax Bill as either “Concord Res Sewer,” “Clayton Res Sewer,” “Concord Com Sewer” or “Clayton Com Sewer.” system.

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Reasons for the Proposed Increase

It is necessary to increase the Sewer Service Charge due to several factors:

- Central San is completing upgrades to its treatment plant, of which the Sewer Fund must pay its proportional share. The upgrades are necessary to comply with regulations and are increasing your rates.
- Central San’s cost to treat sewage is increasing. There are several items related to this, such as chemicals, energy (electricity and natural gas), labor and disposal. The proportional share of these costs is passed onto the City of Concord by Central San.
- The cost to operate the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (a State mandated requirement).
- Portions of the sanitary sewer system are reaching the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. The City of Concord is planning several rehabilitation projects over the next four years, including structural repairs and capacity upgrades of the sanitary sewer system.
- The Sewer Reserve Fund needs to be increased so that money is available in the event of an emergency, such as a catastrophic sewer line failure.

Notice of Public Hearing in Clayton

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Clayton will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on this matter in Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, on June 20, 2023 (or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard), at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard. Written protests on the proposed increase in the annual sewer service charge may be mailed or delivered to the City Clerk at 6000 Heritage Trail, Clayton, CA 94517. Your letter must identify the real property you own by the service address or assessor’s parcel number. Your letter must be legibly signed by any one of the current property owners or customers on record and must be received prior to the close of the Public Hearing on June 20, 2023. Only one protest per parcel will be counted. The sewer service charge cannot be increased if a majority protest is received before the close of the public hearing. There is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.

For further information on the proposed increase, please email the City of Concord Public Works Department at [public.works@cityofconcord.org](mailto:public.works@cityofconcord.org)

Annual Sewer Charge Regional Bill Comparison (does not capture neighboring agency increases effective July 1, 2023)

