



Proposition 218 Notification

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SANITATION RATES

The Atwater City Council will hold a public hearing to consider proposed increase in Sanitation rates and charges. Interested parties are invited to attend:

Date: May 13, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: City Hall, City Council Chambers

750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California 95301

This Notice Describes:

- Amount of proposed sanitation rate increases
- Reasons for the proposed rate increases
- How the proposed rates were calculated
- How to file a protest for the proposed rates
- Where you can find more information about the proposed rate increases

Explanation of Rate Increases

When adopted, the proposed rate changes will be implemented over the next five (5) years. The proposed rates are presented in the attached (**Exhibit A**).

The amount of your utility bill will depend on your customer type: residential or commercial and your level of service.

The proposed increases will help the City provide reliable, high quality Sanitation and Street Sweeping services.

The City's Sanitation Enterprise fund relies entirely on customer revenues to provide these services. No local, state, or federal taxes offset the cost of these services.

The proposed rates generate only the estimated revenue needed to cover actual costs of these services and the repayment of debt.

How Can I Participate?

Interested parties can comment on the proposed rates at the public hearing. The owner of record of any parcel that is subject to the proposed rates can protest against them by mailing or hand delivering a signed, written protest of proposed rate increases to:

**City Clerk's office, located at:
750 Bellevue Road, Atwater Ca. 95301**

The written protest must include your name and a description of the parcel(s) in which you have an ownership interest. A street address and/or assessor's parcel number are sufficient descriptions.

If the party signing the protest is not shown as the parcel owner on the last equalized assessment roll of Merced County, the protest must contain, or be accompanied by, written evidence that such party is the owner.

In rentals where the tenant pays the utility bill, the property owner is responsible for supplying the tenant with this notice.

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The City Clerk will receive written protests at or before the time set for the public hearing.

How Can I Get More Information?

If you have any questions regarding the hearing, the proposed rates, including the rate, please contact the **Public Works Department at (209) 357-6370.**

More information regarding the proposed sanitation rates is available on the City's website at:

www.atwater.org

Reasons for the Proposed Rate Increases

The City provides Sanitation services to more than 27,000 City residents. The City provides garbage pick-up, street sweeping, leaf removal, and two community clean-up days a year. The reasons for the proposed sanitation rate increases are:

- Contract Operation costs.
- County Tipping costs.
- Fuel, Maintenance, and Personnel costs.
- The costs for providing these services have risen beyond the revenues collected. (Correct the Sanitation Enterprise Fund Operational deficit).
- Pay back \$3.6 million owed to other funds.
- Current and future mandated federal, state, and county regulations must be met.
- Fund necessary reserves, consistent with industry standards.
- The City of Atwater has avoided rate increases for years. Last Sanitation Rate increase was over 11 years ago. As a result, the City is charging customers less than the cost of providing the service.

To accomplish the above, the City proposes annual sanitation rate increases for the next five (5) years based on all classes of customers. You can find your customer class on your utility billing.

Proposed Sanitation Service Rates and Charges (EXHIBIT A)

CITY OF ATWATER							
Projected Rate Increases - Scenario 1							
Rate Code	Description	Current Customer Charges	Projected '13/14	Projected '14/15	Projected '15/16	Projected '16/17	Projected '17/18
Residential		Annual Rate Increases =	62.7%	6.0%	6.0%	7.0%	6.0%
GA01	Residential - Curb 96 Gal. Toter	\$11.81	\$19.21	\$20.36	\$21.59	\$23.10	\$24.48
GA02	Sr.Citizen/Handicap Curb 96 Toter	\$10.31	\$16.77	\$17.78	\$18.84	\$20.16	\$21.37
GA03	Sr.Citizen/Handicap Backyard 96 Toter	\$13.81	\$22.46	\$23.81	\$25.24	\$27.01	\$28.63
GA04	Residential-Curb 64 Gal. Toter	\$10.86	\$17.67	\$18.73	\$19.85	\$21.24	\$22.51
GA05	Sr.Citizen/Handicap-Curb 64 Gal.Toter	\$9.36	\$15.23	\$16.14	\$17.11	\$18.31	\$19.40
GA06	Sr.Citizen/Handicap-Backyard 64 Gal. Toter	\$12.70	\$20.66	\$21.90	\$23.21	\$24.84	\$26.33
GA07	Residential-Curb Extra 96 Gal. Toter	\$11.54	\$18.77	\$19.90	\$21.09	\$22.57	\$23.92
	Residential-Curbside Recycling	--	--	--	\$4.76	\$4.76	\$5.04
Commercial							
GA20	Commercial-Curb 96 Gal. Toter	\$11.81	\$19.21	\$20.36	\$21.59	\$23.10	\$24.48
GB11	BFI Bin (1yd)-1 pick-up	\$27.41	\$44.59	\$47.26	\$50.10	\$53.61	\$56.82
GB12	BFI Bin (1yd)-2 pick-ups	\$43.47	\$70.71	\$74.95	\$79.45	\$85.01	\$90.11
GB13	BFI Bin (1yd)-3 pick-ups	\$59.54	\$96.85	\$102.66	\$108.82	\$116.44	\$123.43
GB15	BFI Bin (1yd)-5 pick-ups	\$91.65	\$149.09	\$158.03	\$167.51	\$179.24	\$189.99
GB31	BFI Bin (3yd)-1 pick-up	\$61.43	\$99.93	\$105.92	\$112.28	\$120.14	\$127.35
GB32	BFI Bin (3yd)-2 pick-ups	\$109.62	\$178.32	\$189.02	\$200.36	\$214.38	\$227.25
GB33	BFI Bin (3yd)-3 pick-ups	\$157.82	\$256.72	\$272.13	\$288.45	\$308.65	\$327.17
GB35	BFI Bin (3yd)- 5 pick-ups	\$254.21	\$413.52	\$438.33	\$464.63	\$497.16	\$526.98
GB53	Shared BFI Bin (5yd)-Las Casitas	\$32.25	\$52.46	\$55.61	\$58.94	\$63.07	\$66.86
GB61	BFI Bin (6yd)-1 pick-up	\$115.29	\$187.54	\$198.79	\$210.72	\$225.47	\$239.00
GB62	BFI Bin (6yd)- 2 pick-ups	\$211.68	\$344.34	\$365.00	\$386.90	\$413.98	\$438.82
GB63	BFI Bin (6yd)- 3 pick-ups	\$308.07	\$501.13	\$531.20	\$563.07	\$602.49	\$638.64
GB64	BFI Bin (6yd)- 4 pick-ups	\$404.46	\$657.93	\$697.41	\$739.25	\$791.00	\$838.46
GB65	BFI Bin (6yd)- 5 pick-ups	\$500.85	\$814.73	\$863.61	\$915.43	\$979.51	\$1,038.28
GB80	Cannery Extra Pickup-SunGarden Gangi	\$128.52	\$209.06	\$221.61	\$234.90	\$251.34	\$266.43
GB81	BFI Bin (8yd)-1 pick-up	\$149.31	\$242.88	\$257.45	\$272.90	\$292.00	\$309.52
GB82	BFI Bin (8yd)-2 pick-ups	\$277.83	\$451.94	\$479.06	\$507.80	\$543.35	\$575.95
GG96	Greenwaste-96 Gal. Toter	\$3.68	\$5.99	\$6.35	\$6.73	\$7.20	\$7.63
GO11	Owned Bin (1yd)-1 pick-up	\$16.07	\$26.14	\$27.71	\$29.37	\$31.43	\$33.31
GO12	Owned Bin (1yd)-2 pick-ups	\$32.13	\$52.27	\$55.40	\$58.73	\$62.84	\$66.61
GO21	Owned Bin (2yd)-1 pick-up	\$32.13	\$52.27	\$55.40	\$58.73	\$62.84	\$66.61
GO22	Owned Bin (2yd)-2 pick-ups	\$64.26	\$104.53	\$110.80	\$117.45	\$125.67	\$133.21
GO31	Owned Bin (3yd)-1 pick-up	\$48.20	\$78.41	\$83.11	\$88.10	\$94.26	\$99.92
GO32	Owned Bin (3yd)-2 pick-ups	\$96.39	\$156.80	\$166.20	\$176.18	\$188.51	\$199.82
GO33	Owned Bin (3yd)-3 pick-ups	\$144.59	\$235.20	\$249.31	\$264.27	\$282.77	\$299.74
GO41	Owned Bin (4yd)-1 pick-up	\$64.26	\$104.53	\$110.80	\$117.45	\$125.67	\$133.21
GO42	Owned Bin (4yd)-2 pick-ups	\$128.52	\$209.06	\$221.61	\$234.90	\$251.34	\$266.43
GO45	Owned Bin (4yd)-5 pick-ups	\$321.30	\$522.65	\$554.01	\$587.25	\$628.36	\$666.06
GO51	Owned Bin (5yd)-1 pick-up	\$80.33	\$130.67	\$138.51	\$146.82	\$157.10	\$166.53
GO52	Owned Bin (5yd)-2 pick-ups	\$160.65	\$261.33	\$277.01	\$293.63	\$314.18	\$333.03
GO53	Owned Bin (5yd)-3 pick-ups	\$240.98	\$392.00	\$415.52	\$440.45	\$471.28	\$499.56
GO55	Owned Bin (5yd)-5 pick-ups	\$401.63	\$653.33	\$692.53	\$734.08	\$785.46	\$832.59
GO62	Owned Bin (6yd)-2 pick-ups	\$192.78	\$313.59	\$332.41	\$352.35	\$377.02	\$399.64
GO65	Owned Bin (6yd)-5 pick-ups	\$481.95	\$783.98	\$831.02	\$880.88	\$942.54	\$999.10
GO82	Owned Bin (8yd)-2 pick-ups	\$257.04	\$418.12	\$443.21	\$469.80	\$502.69	\$532.85
GO83	Owned Bin (8yd)-3 pick-ups	\$385.56	\$627.19	\$664.82	\$704.71	\$754.03	\$799.28
GS31	Shared BFI Bin (3yd)-722-730 Cedar	\$30.71	\$49.96	\$52.95	\$56.13	\$60.06	\$63.66
GS32	Shared BFI Bin (3yd)-2248-2260 Olive	\$54.81	\$89.16	\$94.51	\$100.18	\$107.19	\$113.62
GS61	Shared BFI Bin(6YD)-2850-74 Determine	\$38.43	\$62.51	\$66.26	\$70.24	\$75.16	\$79.67
GT30	Temporary Container Delivery	\$50.00	\$81.33	\$86.21	\$91.39	\$97.78	\$103.65
GT31	Temporary Container Disposal	\$30.00	\$48.80	\$51.73	\$54.83	\$58.67	\$62.19
OS32	Shared Owner Bin-Park Manor(O32X2&O42)	\$45.90	\$74.66	\$79.14	\$83.89	\$89.77	\$95.15
Total Monthly City Revenue		\$160,274	\$260,715	\$276,358	\$293,815	\$314,320	\$333,180
Total Annual City Revenue		\$1,923,287	\$3,128,584	\$3,316,299	\$3,525,776	\$3,771,845	\$3,998,156

Table 3. Summary of Residential Rate Increases for Scenario 1

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The typical residential user will pay \$19.21 for a 96 Gal. Toter and \$5.99 for a 96 Gal. Green Waste Toter for a monthly garbage bill of \$25.20.

Figure 1. Comparison of Ending Cash Balances by Scenario

