

SEWER RATES AND FEES

Title 14 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to set water and sewer service charges;

Section 14.40.010 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the establishment by resolution of sewer service charges; and

Title 16 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to control and regulate discharges into the sewer system and to establish quantity standards, fees, and controls for dischargers.

I. Definitions

Wherever used in this resolution, the following words shall have the meanings set forth beside them:

- A. "Compositesample." Two or more aliquot sample taken from the same waste stream over a period longer than fifteen (15) minutes.
- B. "Director." The Director of the City Public Works Department or his or her designated representative.
- C. "Hcf." 100 cubic feet.
- D. "Sewer" or "City sewer system." Any and all artificial conduits owned and operated by the City or any other public agency that are tributary to any wastewater treatment facility operated by the City.
- E. "Person." Any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, association, corporation, joint stock company, trust, estate, government entity, or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents, or assigns. This definition includes all Federal, State, and Local government entities.
- F. "Waste." Sewage and any and all other waste substances, liquid, solid, gaseous, or radioactive, associated with human habitation, or of human or animal origin, or from any producing, manufacturing, or processing operation of whatever nature.
- G. "Wastewater." Waste or water, treated or untreated, which is discharged into or permitted to enter a sewer.
- H. "Connection" or "Wye." The fitting or element of the sewer lateral that conveys the private sewage to the publicly maintained sewer.

II. Sewer Service Rates

The following monthly rates and charges shall apply to use of sewers by the following categories of customers:

A. Residential Service Charges

1. Applicable to all accounts serving one detached dwelling unit:

i. Fixed charge:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
Fixed Charge	\$29.90	\$32.74	\$35.85	\$39.26

ii. Plus, charges based on the quantity of water consumed, up to the account cap:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
Up to Cap	\$4.53/HCF	\$4.96/HCF	\$5.43/HCF	\$5.95/HCF
Over Cap	No additional charge	No additional charge	No additional charge	No additional charge
Cap	8 HCF	8 HCF	8 HCF	8 HCF

2. Applicable to all accounts serving two to four dwelling units, Accessory Dwelling Units served by their own City water meter, and all accounts serving a dwelling unit attached to no more than three additional dwelling units:

i. Fixed charge per dwelling unit on account:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
Fixed Charge (per Dwelling Unit)	\$29.90	\$32.74	\$35.85	\$39.26

ii. Plus, charge based on the quantity of water consumed:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
Volumetric Charge	\$4.53/HCF	\$4.96/HCF	\$5.43/HCF	\$5.95/HCF

3. Applicable to all accounts serving five or more dwelling units, and to accounts serving a dwelling unit attached to four or more additional dwelling units.

i. Fixed charge per dwelling unit on account:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
Fixed Charge (per Dwelling Unit)	\$29.90	\$32.74	\$35.85	\$39.26

ii. Plus, charge based on the quantity of water consumed:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
Volumetric Charge	\$4.53/HCF	\$4.96/HCF	\$5.43/HCF	\$5.95/HCF

4. A residential account serving a single detached dwelling unit that does not receive City water service shall be charged the maximum rate for the appropriate category, regardless of the quantity of water used, except to the extent that water usage for the account is reported to the City on a monthly basis by the water service provider in a manner prescribed by the City.
5. For residential properties that are City sewer customers but are not City water customers, and whose water service provider does not provide the City with monthly water usage data in a manner prescribed by the City, and who are classified as multi-unit residential because of the construction of additional dwelling units or accessory dwelling units that are not a part of the primary dwelling, the bill shall be calculated by multiplying the maximum bill for the single family residential class times the number of dwelling units on the property.

B. Commercial Class

Applicable to all light commercial uses, including, but not limited to, office/professional buildings, banks, institutional and public buildings, schools, colleges, day cares, churches, retail and department stores, utilities/water companies, light manufacturing, auto sales/repair/storage, car washes, warehouses, packing plants, parks, recreation, golf courses, auditorium/stadiums, clubs/lodge halls, parking lots, nurseries and greenhouses, rest homes, common areas of condominium projects, community apartment projects, and mobile home parks; mixed use (commercial and residential) projects; industrial condos, hotels; bed and breakfasts; service stations; miscellaneous industrial uses; construction-related activities; lumber yards/mills; heavy industry; mineral processing; self-service laundry; hospitals; tasting rooms that do not manufacture alcoholic beverages onsite; shopping centers, both regional and neighborhood, and self-service laundry facilities located within multi-family housing complexes provided that the discharge characteristics are limited to wastes typical of other uses in this class, the greater of:

1. Quantity of water consumed:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
\$/HCF	\$6.56	\$7.18	\$7.86	\$8.61

Or

2. Charge based on water meter size:

Water Meter Size	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
5/8"	\$53.28	\$58.34	\$63.88	\$69.95
3/4"	\$79.92	\$87.51	\$95.82	\$104.92
1"	\$93.24	\$102.10	\$111.79	\$122.41
1 ½"	\$133.20	\$145.85	\$159.70	\$174.87
2"	\$213.12	\$233.36	\$255.52	\$279.79
3"	\$399.60	\$437.55	\$479.10	\$524.61
4"	\$666.00	\$729.25	\$798.50	\$874.36
6"	\$1,332.00	\$1,458.50	\$1,597.00	\$1,748.72
8"	\$2,131.20	\$2,333.60	\$2,555.20	\$2,797.94
10"	\$3,063.60	\$3,354.55	\$3,673.10	\$4,022.04

C. High Strength and Industrial Class

Applicable to all high strength commercial or industrial uses, including, but not limited to, food processing establishments, including coffee shops; bakeries; donut shops; butchers; restaurants (including fast food restaurants); delicatessens; hotels/motels with restaurants; industrial launderers; supermarkets/grocery stores; seafood processors; dairy processors; and alcoholic beverage producers, including breweries, wineries, and distilleries. Also applicable to mortuaries, cemeteries, and mausoleums; and other commercial establishments with waste characteristics similar to those included above. The greater of:

1. Quantity of water consumed:

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
\$/HCF	\$7.23	\$7.92	\$8.67	\$9.49

Or

2. Charge based on water meter size:

Water Meter Size	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
5/8"	\$66.31	\$72.61	\$79.51	\$87.06
3/4"	\$99.47	\$108.92	\$119.27	\$130.59
1"	\$116.04	\$127.07	\$139.14	\$152.36
1 ½"	\$165.78	\$181.53	\$198.78	\$217.65
2"	\$265.24	\$290.44	\$318.04	\$348.24
3"	\$497.33	\$544.58	\$596.33	\$652.95
4"	\$828.88	\$907.63	\$993.88	\$1,088.25
6"	\$1,657.75	\$1,815.25	\$1,987.75	\$2,176.50
8"	\$2,652.40	\$2,904.40	\$3,180.40	\$3,482.40
10"	\$3,812.83	\$4,175.08	\$4,571.83	\$5,005.95

D. The quantity of "water consumed" refers to the quantity of metered water service, other than through irrigation meters, provided monthly to a parcel having one or more connections to the City sewersystem.

1. Where the quantity of wastewater which enters the sewer connection(s) to a particular parcel is substantially less than the quantity of metered service to the parcel, a sewer service customer shall be charged only for the quantity of wastewater discharged to the sewer connections to the customer's property, provided the customer demonstrates annually to the satisfaction of the Director the amount of wastewater actually discharged monthly and annually from the

property to the City sewer system.

2. Where the quantity of wastewater which enters the sewer connection(s) to a particular parcel is substantially more than the quantity of metered water service to the parcel, the sewer service customer shall be charged for the quantity of wastewater actually discharged to the sewer connections to the customer's property. The customer shall demonstrate monthly to the satisfaction of the Director the amount of wastewater actually discharged monthly and annually from the property to the City sewer system.

The above sewer charges shall be billed (i) effective the date of the sewer connection or (ii) as otherwise provided by written agreement of the customer and the Director.

E. Wastewater High Strength Surcharges(\$/LB)

If the City's Water Resources Laboratory determines that a customer has exceeded the high strength discharge limit for Biochemical Oxygen (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), or Ammonia, a surcharge will be assessed for each constituent in excess of its relative limit.

	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
BOD (>750 mg/l)	\$0.30	\$0.33	\$0.36	\$0.39
TSS (>850 mg/l)	\$0.58	\$0.64	\$0.70	\$0.77
Ammonia (>90 mg/l)	\$1.37	\$1.50	\$1.64	\$1.80

- F. An account holder may request a change to their customer classification by filing a written request with the Public Works Director. The request must identify the requested classification and contain a detailed statement supporting the change based on water use patterns, wastewater strength characteristics, or other sewer service characteristics. The Director will document a decision on the request in writing. Any change in classification approved by the Director will go in effect upon commencement of the next complete billing cycle. The decision of the Director is final and not subject to appeal. The Director may delegate the authority under this provision.

In the case an account classified as multi-unit residential (section II.A.2 or II.A.3) is approved to be reclassified to a single family residential account (section II.A.1), the fixed charge shall be equal to the fixed charge stated in II.A.1.i times the number of dwelling units on the account. The account cap shall be equal to the volume specified in II.A.1.ii multiplied by the number of dwelling units on the account.

III. Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program Charges

Every Person required to obtain a permit under Title 16 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code shall be required to pay fees and charges as set forth below:

- A. For each permit application submitted, a permit application fee is applicable. The fee includes application processing, site visit, verification of submitted information, permit processing, reports, and invoicing.
 - 1. \$200.55 per permit.
 - 2. \$124.95 additional fee will apply in the event of an incomplete application or resubmittal, a permit modification request, or if review from multiple departments is necessary.
- B. Tier III – Groundwater Dischargers (in addition to permit application fee):
 - 1. \$301.35 annual permit fee.
 - 2. \$200.55 per resample.
- C. Tier II – Non-Significant Industrial Users (in addition to permit application fee):
 - 1. \$301.35 annual permit fee.
 - 2. \$200.55 per resample.
- D. Tier I - Significant Industrial Users (in addition to permit application fee):
 - 1. \$2,179.80 annual permit fee.
 - 2. \$200.55 per resample.

IV. Sewer Service Connections

- A. The City has three methods for the installation or replacement of sewer lateral connections. The three options are outlined below.
 - 1. Option 1: Standard Sewer Connection Installation/Replacement. This option and associated charges are only for the replacement of the lateral connection by the City contractor after the property owner's appropriately licensed/permitted contractor has excavated at the location of connection to the City main. The following charges cover the cost of the City's contractor to make the replacement of the fitting from the private lateral to the City sewer system and shall apply for each connection of a sewer lateral to the City sewer system, and shall be in addition to any applicable capacity charges:

Sewer Lateral Diameter	Sewer Main Diameter	Fee
4" or 6"	6" or 8"	\$1,100
	10" or greater	\$1,000
	6" or 8" (rehab)	\$1,000

Applicants for such connections shall coordinate with City staff in advance of the appointed installation time to determine required site preparations. If City staff determines that such preparation is not complete at the scheduled start time, a rescheduling fee of \$500 will be charged and the connection will be rescheduled upon payment of such fee.

2. Option 2: Complete Sewer Connection Installation/Replacement. This option and associated charges cover the complete cost of the new lateral connection installation or replacement, including all permits, coordination and project management, locating, excavation (up to 8 feet deep), and inspection services. The following charges shall be in addition to any applicable capacity charges:

Sewer Lateral Diameter	Sewer Main Diameter	Fee
4" or 6"	6" or 8"	\$8,500
	10" or greater	\$8,500
	6" or 8" (rehab)	\$8,500

For connections deeper than 8 feet deep, an additional \$3,000 per four feet of depth will be added to the sewer installation fee charge.

If in the course of the scheduled wye replacement, an additional service connection is encountered and the property owner elects to replace it at the time of excavation, the additional connection may be replaced for an additional \$500 per connection, regardless of the lateral or main size.

3. Option 3: Sewer Lateral Connection Rehabilitation: For lateral connections that are in a condition eligible for rehabilitation and are on a lined sewer main, or are part of a proposed capital improvement project, a "trenchless" sewer lateral connection sealing device can be installed by the City's contractor, with Wastewater System Manager approval. The cost for installing a lateral connection sealing device, including coordination and project management by City Staff: \$2,084.25 per device.

- B. If a sewer main is damaged during installation or replacement of a lateral or during other similar work affecting City sewer lines, an additional fee equal to the greater of:

\$306.60 per lineal foot of sewer line needing repair or replacement, or \$466.20 per hour plus the cost of materials including fifteen percent markup, shall be charged to the person(s) who caused such damage.

- C. Sewer Lateral Connection Abandonments: This option and associated charges are only for the removal of the lateral connection by City contractor after the property owner's appropriately licensed/permitted contractor has excavated at the location of connection to the City main. Cost for the City's contractor to remove the lateral connection and replace it with a like piping of the City maintained sewer main is \$1,300 per abandonment on 6" or 8" sewer mains and \$1,000 per abandonment on 10" and above sewer mains.

V. Wastewater Discharge Other Than Through an Approved Sewer Connection.

The following service charge shall apply to all discharges of wastewater permitted pursuant to Municipal Code Section 16.04.080 and 16.04.090:

- A. \$15 per 100 gallons. Charges shall be assessed on the metered discharge or on the rated capacity of the tank discharging the wastewater if no meter is available.
- B. Every Person required to obtain a temporary discharge permit under Title 16.08.120 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code shall be required to pay fees and charges as set forth below.

A permit fee is applicable for each temporary discharge permit application submitted. The fee includes application processing, site visit, verification of submitted information, permit processing, reports, and invoicing:

- 1. \$200.55 per permit.
- 2. \$125 additional fee will apply in the event of incomplete application/resubmittal, permit modification request, or if review from multiple departments is necessary.
- 3. In the event of any unplanned or emergency discharges that are not in compliance with its permit conditions, additional fees or charges may apply (See Section VI.A. Wastewater Miscellaneous Fees.)
- 4. Temporary Wastewater Discharge Permit Volume Charges

Customer Class	Effective July 2, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027
Commercial Class ¹	\$6.56/HCF	\$7.18/HCF	\$7.86/HCF	\$8.61/HCF
High Strength and Industrial Class ²	\$7.23/HCF	\$7.92/HCF	\$8.67/HCF	\$9.49/HCF

(1) See Section II.B. Sewer Service Rates for included businesses or activities. All Discharges must meet applicable Pretreatment Standards.

(2) See Section II.C. Sewer Service Rates for included businesses or activities. All Discharges must meet applicable Pretreatment Standards.

VI. Wastewater Miscellaneous Fees

- A. The following service charges shall apply for services of City wastewater staff upon application of a property owner, contractor, or other applicant, or where such services are deemed necessary by City staff to prevent or mitigate damage to the City collection system or violation of regulations related to the collection system:
 - 1. Hourly rate for a two-person crew with heavy duty equipment, including emergency response, containment, control and recovery, data input, and reporting related to a private sewer lateral overflow or a sanitary sewer overflow or blockage caused by a private party where that party can clearly be identified: \$462 per hour.
 - 2. Hourly rate for a two-person crew with light duty equipment to respond to priority sewer related requests that do not constitute an emergency response, including CCTV inspection, locating and dye testing services for a sewer main: \$316.05 per hour.
- B. Lateral Liner Inspection Fee: For applicants seeking to rehabilitate their private sewer laterals using cured in place pipe, or other lining technology, a \$200.55 fee will be assessed for the lateral installation inspection and pre- and post-video review by City staff. Applicants for such lateral liner installation shall coordinate with City staff in advance of the appointed installation time to determine required site preparations. If City staff determines that such preparation is not complete at the scheduled start time, a rescheduling fee of \$64 will be assessed, and the installation will be rescheduled upon payment of such fee.
- C. Sewer Lateral Video Review for Building Permits: When an applicant is required to complete a sewer lateral inspection video as a condition of a building permit, a \$100.80 fee will be assessed for each video reviewed by City staff.

VII. Effective Date

The rates and charges specified herein shall be effective on July 1, 2025, unless otherwise noted. With respect to wastewater rates that are based on metered use of water, the Fiscal Year 2026 wastewater rates specified herein shall commence upon the customer's first billing cycle where all water use occurs on or after July 1, 2025.