



**Proposition 218 Notification  
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATES**

**Hearing Date & Time: September 15, 2015 6:00 PM  
Hearing Location: Lions Center  
225 A Street, Brawley, CA 92227**

***Why are you receiving this notice?*** This notice is being furnished to you by the City of Brawley pursuant to the California Constitution Article XIII D (also known as "Proposition 218"). Under terms of Proposition 218, the City is required to notify property owners of proposed changes to property-related fees such as water and sewer service. This letter serves as notice that the City will hold a public hearing on September 15, 2015, to consider changes to its current water and sewer rates.

***What do water and sewer rates fund?*** The City provides water and sewer service to over 5,000 customers within the city limits. Both utilities must be financially self-sufficient. Monthly rates paid by users of the system are the primary source of revenue.

All revenue generated from your utility bills is used to maintain and operate the water and sewer systems; it is not used for other general government purposes. These revenues must cover costs such as purchasing raw water, electricity, chemicals, maintenance, and salaries and benefits for utility enterprise staff. Additionally, revenue generated from these rates is used to pay off debt incurred in the process of building capital improvements for each system.

***Why are the rate changes required?*** The City recently completed an analysis of the capital project requirements of the two utilities. Both water and sewer utilities require extensive investment, primarily in the replacement and repair of aging pipes and other equipment, in order to maintain a safe and reliable system. These capital projects will be funded primarily with rate revenues, and also by loans, and fees paid by new development connecting to the system.

***New water rates*** The City will move to a rate structure derived using guidelines from the American Water Works Association. All customers with meters will move under this structure, which charges customers a base charge plus an additional charge based on volumetric water use. Customers without meters will continue to be charged a flat rate until a meter is installed. Under the proposed changes, the water rates will increase in five phases over the next five years, as shown in table 1. The current water rates are shown in table 2.

***New sewer rates*** The sewer utility bills all customers a fixed monthly charge based on estimated flow to the sewer system. Under the proposed changes, the sewer rates will increase in five phases over the next five years, as shown in table 3. Each class is assigned a rate based on the flow amount and the quality of the wastewater.

***Impact on your bill*** For a typical single family home that uses 15,000 gallons of water per month, the water portion of your bill would increase from \$49.70 per month currently to \$55.17 per month as of October 1, 2015 under the new rate structure. Low users of water and users who conserve water from their current levels will see smaller increases. The monthly sewer bill for a single family home will increase from \$47.21 per month currently to \$49.10 per month as of October 1, 2015 under the new rates.

***How do you protest?*** Water and sewer rates are subject to majority protest, which means if a majority of impacted property owners submit written protests against the increase, the City cannot institute the new rates. To protest, include your name, the address of the impacted property (or APN number) and your signature. Written protests are accepted by mail to the City Clerk or in person at the public hearing on the date and time specified above.

# Proposed Water Rates

Table 1 Monthly Base Charge by Meter Size	Proposed Water Rates				
	<del>**1-Oct-15</del>	**1-Jul-16	<del>**1-Jul-17</del>	<del>**1-Jul-18</del>	<del>**1-Jul-19</del>
<u>Residential</u>					
1 Inch and below	\$32.19	\$35.09	\$38.24	\$41.69	\$44.61
1 1/2 Inch and above	\$62.49	\$68.11	\$74.24	\$80.92	\$86.59
<u>All Other Classes</u>					
1 Inch and below	\$32.19	\$35.09	\$38.24	\$41.69	\$44.61
1 1/2 Inch	\$62.49	\$68.11	\$74.24	\$80.92	\$86.59
2 Inch	\$100.36	\$109.39	\$119.23	\$129.97	\$139.06
3 Inch	\$221.54	\$241.48	\$263.22	\$286.90	\$306.99
4 Inch	\$397.64	\$433.43	\$472.44	\$514.96	\$551.00
6 Inch	\$819.90	\$893.69	\$974.12	\$1,061.79	\$1,136.12
8 Inch and above	\$1,514.82	\$1,651.16	\$1,799.76	\$1,961.74	\$2,099.06
Variable Rate per 1,000 gallons of usage	1.53	1.67	1.82	1.98	2.12
<u>Temporary Hydrant Meters</u>					
Base Per day	11.10	12.10	13.19	14.37	15.38
Variable Rate per 1,000 gallons of usage	1.53	1.67	1.82	1.98	2.12
<u>Non-Metered Commercial/Other Services - Monthly</u>					
GROUP A: Average monthly usage, 1 to 25,000 gallons	\$83.32	\$90.82	\$98.99	\$107.90	\$115.46
GROUP B: Average monthly usage 25,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$166.63	\$181.63	\$197.97	\$215.79	\$230.89
GROUP C: Average monthly usage 50,001 to 75,000 gallons	\$249.96	\$272.46	\$296.98	\$323.71	\$346.37
GROUP D: Average monthly usage 75,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$333.27	\$363.26	\$395.96	\$431.59	\$461.80
<u>Schools</u>					
Barbara Worth Jr. High School	\$750.76	\$818.33	\$891.98	\$972.26	\$1,040.32
Brawley Union High School	\$2,838.16	\$3,093.59	\$3,372.02	\$3,675.50	\$3,932.78
Hidalgo School	\$526.77	\$574.18	\$625.85	\$682.18	\$729.93
Oakley School	\$772.34	\$841.85	\$917.61	\$1,000.20	\$1,070.21
Phil Swing School	\$937.30	\$1,021.66	\$1,113.61	\$1,213.83	\$1,298.80
Sacred Heart School	\$89.03	\$97.04	\$105.78	\$115.30	\$123.37
Soroptimist School	\$64.66	\$70.48	\$76.82	\$83.74	\$89.60
Witter School	\$1,000.09	\$1,090.10	\$1,188.21	\$1,295.15	\$1,385.81

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<b>Table 2</b>	
<b>Current Water Rates</b>	
<b><u>RESIDENTIAL</u></b>	
Single family residential (3/4"-1" meter)	29.00
Single family residential (1 1/2" and 2" meter)	54.24
Multi-family residential (per residential unit)	21.77
 <u>Water commodity charge</u>	
All residential use, per 1,000 gallons	1.38
 <b><u>COMMERCIAL/OTHER SERVICES</u></b>	
<b>GROUP A:</b> Average monthly usage, 1 to 25,000 gallons	75.06
<b>GROUP B:</b> Average monthly usage 25,001 to 50,000 gallons	150.12
<b>GROUP C:</b> Average monthly usage 50,001 to 75,000 gallons	225.19
<b>GROUP D:</b> Average monthly usage 75,001 to 100,000 gallons	300.24
 <b><u>Metered Users. For all metered users</u></b>	 <b>75.06</b>
<b>Per/thousand gallons over 25,000</b>	<b>3.00</b>
 <u>Flat rate - Schools.</u>	
All schools will be charged at a flat rate per month	
Barbara Worth Jr. High School	676.36
Brawley Union High School	2,556.90
Hidalgo School	474.57
Oakley School	695.80
Phil Swing School	844.42
Sacred Heart School	80.21
Soroptimist School	58.25
Witter School	900.99

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# Current and Proposed Sewer Rates

<b>Table 3</b>		<b>Proposed Sewer Rates</b>				
Monthly Charges	<u>Current</u>	<del>**1-Oct-15</del>	<del>**1-Jul-16</del>	<del>**1-Jul-17</del>	<del>**1-Jul-18</del>	<del>**1-Jul-19</del>
<b>Residential</b>						
Single Family	\$47.21	\$49.10	\$51.06	\$52.59	\$54.17	\$55.25
Each add'l Dwelling Unit	\$35.40	\$36.81	\$38.29	\$39.44	\$40.62	\$41.43
Each add'l Sleeping Room	\$3.97	\$4.13	\$4.29	\$4.42	\$4.55	\$4.64
Mobile Home Unit	\$35.40	\$36.81	\$38.29	\$39.44	\$40.62	\$41.43
<b>Commercial</b>						
Bakeries	\$47.77	\$49.68	\$51.66	\$53.21	\$54.81	\$55.91
Bottling Plant	\$266.80	\$277.47	\$288.57	\$297.22	\$306.14	\$312.26
Car Wash	\$52.59	\$54.69	\$56.88	\$58.59	\$60.35	\$61.55
Clothes cleaning & repairing	\$41.63	\$43.29	\$45.03	\$46.38	\$47.77	\$48.72
Fertilizer processing	\$531.12	\$552.37	\$574.46	\$591.70	\$609.45	\$621.64
Grocery Stores	\$78.34	\$81.47	\$84.73	\$87.27	\$89.89	\$91.69
Hotels, motels, rooming houses	\$56.34	\$58.59	\$60.94	\$62.77	\$64.65	\$65.94
Each add'l room	\$3.97	\$4.13	\$4.29	\$4.42	\$4.55	\$4.64
Laundry	\$63.66	\$66.20	\$68.85	\$70.92	\$73.04	\$74.50
Lunch counter or restaurant						
12 persons or less	\$56.34	\$58.59	\$60.94	\$62.77	\$64.65	\$65.94
13 persons or more	\$115.05	\$119.65	\$124.44	\$128.17	\$132.01	\$134.66
Mercantile business						
With 25 feet of frontage or less	\$34.26	\$35.63	\$37.06	\$38.17	\$39.31	\$40.10
For each add'l 25 ft of frontage	\$16.39	\$17.04	\$17.72	\$18.26	\$18.80	\$19.18
Offices						
First unit	\$34.26	\$35.63	\$37.06	\$38.17	\$39.31	\$40.10
Each add'l office	\$3.97	\$4.13	\$4.29	\$4.42	\$4.55	\$4.64
Oil companies (each business office)	\$34.26	\$35.63	\$37.06	\$38.17	\$39.31	\$40.10
Pool halls	\$59.02	\$61.38	\$63.83	\$65.75	\$67.72	\$69.07
Post office	\$56.34	\$58.59	\$60.94	\$62.77	\$64.65	\$65.94
Produce sheds	\$81.98	\$85.25	\$88.66	\$91.32	\$94.06	\$95.95
Hospital						
Offices	\$34.26	\$35.63	\$37.06	\$38.17	\$39.31	\$40.10
Each additional bed	\$3.97	\$4.13	\$4.29	\$4.42	\$4.55	\$4.64
Pioneers Memorial Hospital	\$2,741.12	\$2,850.77	\$2,964.80	\$3,053.74	\$3,145.35	\$3,208.26
Theater	\$56.34	\$58.59	\$60.94	\$62.77	\$64.65	\$65.94
R.V. Parks						
Office or first unit	\$35.94	\$37.37	\$38.87	\$40.03	\$41.23	\$42.06
Each add'l trailer or unit	\$22.88	\$23.79	\$24.74	\$25.48	\$26.25	\$26.77
Veterinary hospital	\$51.39	\$53.45	\$55.59	\$57.25	\$58.97	\$60.15
All others not listed	\$34.26	\$35.63	\$37.06	\$38.17	\$39.31	\$40.10
<b>Schools</b>						
Primary	\$269.24	\$280.00	\$291.21	\$299.94	\$308.94	\$315.12
Middle	\$518.87	\$539.63	\$561.21	\$578.05	\$595.39	\$607.30
High School	\$856.60	\$890.86	\$926.50	\$954.29	\$982.92	\$1,002.58
Private/parochial (for each 50 students)	\$34.26	\$35.63	\$37.06	\$38.17	\$39.31	\$40.10
<b>Unit Rates for Monitored Users</b>						
Flow (\$ per 1,000 gallons)		\$2.02	\$2.10	\$2.16	\$2.22	\$2.27
BOD (\$ per lb)		\$0.48	\$0.49	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.54
TSS (\$ per lb)		\$0.49	\$0.51	\$0.53	\$0.54	\$0.55
NH3 (\$ per lb)		\$0.74	\$0.77	\$0.80	\$0.82	\$0.84

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