



## CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q: What is the Purpose for the proposed sewer service charge?**

A: To fund maintenance, operation, servicing, and improvements to the City's sewer collection system. Hermosa Beach has nearly 200,000 feet of underground sewer lines, with many needing repairs.

**Q: What does the City of Hermosa Beach propose?**

A: To collect funds to cover the expenses for the overall operation, maintenance and servicing of the city-owned sewer system as well as the funds deemed appropriate and necessary to pay for capital improvements.

**Q. How much will I be charged?**

A. The proposed baseline charge is \$115/year, with the amount per parcel varying depending on the use of the property (single-family, multi-family, non-residential, etc.). The method for calculation is available on the public notice mailed with these FAQs. Due to the number of parcels in the City of Hermosa Beach that will be subject to the Sewer Charge, the charge per parcel cannot be provided in this notice. The actual Parcel Charge (a listing of the Assessor's Parcel Numbers and the amount to be levied on each parcel) is available in the Hermosa Beach City Clerk's Office. The list is available for public inspection during normal business office hours at 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach.

**Q: Will the city host a Public Information Meeting to explain the proposed charge prior to the upcoming City Council Public Hearing / Protest Hearing?**

A: Yes. Although not required by state law, the City will host a public information meeting to educate the community on the proposed Sewer Charge and provide the opportunity for questions and answers. City staff and professional engineers engaged by the City of Hermosa Beach to assist with the Proposed Sewer Charge will be in attendance and will prepare an informational presentation for the community.

The Public Presentation for the Proposed Sewer Service Charge will take place on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM at the City Council Chambers, 1315 Valley Dr., Hermosa Beach.

**Q: When will the City Council consider whether to adopt the Proposed Sewer Service Charge?**

A: The Hermosa Beach City Council will hold a Public Hearing/Protest Hearing to consider adopting the proposed Sewer Charge on June 23, 2015 @ 7:30 PM. or soon thereafter in the City Council Chambers, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 90254.

**Q: What is the purpose of the Public Hearing / Protest Hearing on the City of Hermosa Beach Sewer Service Charge?**

A: To take public testimony, receive any final written protests, and determine whether a majority of properties have submitted *written* protests against the proposed Sewer Service Charge. Under state law, the City Council cannot impose the charge if it receives written protests from more than a majority of the properties subject to the charge. If less than a majority of properties submit a protest, then the Council can approve the charge.

**Q: What are my options in voicing my opinion in regards to the charge?**

A: Any property owner or tenant may file a written protest against the proposed Sewer Charge with the City Clerk at any time before the close of the public hearing.

- A protest ballot is attached to the notice mailed with these FAQs.
- The protest must identify the (a) address or Assessor Parcel Number(s) of the property (listed on your Los Angeles County Tax Bill (also available at <http://maps.assessor.lacounty.gov/mapping/viewer.asp> or by contacting City staff as indicated below), (b) name and signature of protester, and (c) a clear statement protesting the charge. Only one written protest per parcel will be counted.
- Written protests must be received by the City Clerk before the close of the public hearing on **June 23, 2015**.
- Written protests received after the close of the public hearing and protests submitted by telephone, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic form will NOT be accepted or counted. Postmarks are NOT acceptable.

**Q: Who can I contact with additional questions regarding the proposed Sewers Charge?**

A: Additional information on the sewer charge may be obtained from the Public Works Department (310) 318-0214. Questions about filing a protest should be directed to the City Clerk at (310)318-0203, City of Hermosa Beach, Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 90254. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.