



UNDERSTANDING YOUR ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE CALCULATION (FY 2017/18)

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works provides sewer services to the Community of Los Osos. Fiscal Year 2017/18 will be the first full year that these sewer service charges are assessed in Los Osos. This charge on your property tax bill is for your annual sewer service provided from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and will be an ongoing annual charge.

SERVICE CHARGES CATEGORIES EXPLAINED:

The sewer service charge has two components (Minimum Charge and Volume Charge) which are described below. "Minimum Charge": The Minimum Charge is a flat rate charge set for each type of property – single family, multi-family, mobile home, or non-residential and billed per month. The established monthly rates are in the exhibit below:

Type of Dwelling	Monthly Rate for FY 2017/18
Single Family	\$ 44.06
Multi Family	\$ 34.17
Non- Residential	\$ 54.01
Mobile Homes	\$ 24.29
Bayridge Estates	\$ 48.85

"Volume Charge": The Volume Charge is a variable that estimates your indoor water use, which approximates your wastewater flows into the Sewer Plant. The rate for the Volume Charge is about 1¢ per gallon, or \$7.54 per CCF (Centum Cubic Foot). This charge is calculated based on your January and February 2017 water usage data that we received from your water company. Future volume charges will be recalculated each year based on the most current January and February data. If you are not connected to the sewer as of the time you received your property tax bill, the Minimum Charge is still due, and no Volume Charge is assessed.

ENABLING LEGISLATION:

The annual service charges are established pursuant to the rates set forth in the voter approved County Ordinance No. 3209. The collection procedure of placing sewer service charges on the property tax bills is authorized per Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code, and Section 7 of the County Ordinance No 3209.

BILLING EXAMPLE (SINGLE FAMILY HOME CONNECTED TO SEWER AS OF 7/1/2017)

SINGLE FAMILY HOME EXAMPLE							
	Rate	x	Months	x	CCFs per Month	=	Total
Minimum Charge	\$ 44.06		12				\$ 528.72
Volume Charge	\$ 7.54		12		2		\$ 180.96
Total Bill							\$ 709.68

These charges were approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 18th, 2017. Please reference the following link for information: <http://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov>

For any questions please call (805) 788-6088 and leave a voice message. You can also visit <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/contact> to fill out a webform that will be submitted to our office - please select **Los Osos Wastewater Project** as your topic.