



NOTICE OF MAJORITY PROTEST PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER

Hearing Date: December 16, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.

Location: City Council Chambers, El Monte City Hall – East, 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, CA 91731

Proposed Increases to Water Rates

The City is proposing an increase to certain service charges and rates that water customers pay in order to receive water service from the City Water Department. The three charges to be increased are as follows: (i) the metered water rate commodity charge; (ii) the water service meter base charge; and (iii) the private fire service protection water service charge. The City also intends to establish standing authority to pass-through certain increased charges the City may have to pay to other public agencies to acquire water for its customers. The proposed increase will be implemented over a five year period to the following charges as follows:

<i>Units*</i>	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	<i>January 1, 2017</i>	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	<i>January 1, 2019</i>
0 – 125	\$0.195	\$0.214	\$0.234	\$0.256	\$0.280
> 125	\$0.338	\$0.370	\$0.405	\$0.444	\$0.486

*A unit of water is equal to 100 gallons. For purposes of illustration, for the year 2015 a water customer will pay \$0.195 for each unit of water consumed up to 125 units and \$0.338 for each unit of water consumed above 125 units within a two month billing cycle. (The threshold of the first tier of water usage is being changed from the previous 0 – 75 units to the new 0 – 125 units, which equates to a savings of approximately \$1 per month for the average water user.)

<i>Meter Size</i>	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	<i>January 1, 2017</i>	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	<i>January 1, 2019</i>
5/8"	\$17.33	\$18.98	\$20.78	\$22.75	\$24.91
1"	\$37.58	\$41.15	\$45.06	\$49.34	\$54.03
1.5"	\$75.15	\$82.29	\$90.11	\$98.67	\$108.04
2"	\$120.43	\$131.87	\$144.40	\$158.12	\$173.14
3"	\$225.41	\$246.82	\$270.27	\$295.94	\$324.06
4"	\$375.70	\$411.39	\$450.47	\$493.27	\$540.13
6"	\$751.37	\$822.75	\$900.92	\$986.50	\$1,080.22
8"	\$1,202.18	\$1,316.38	\$1,441.44	\$1,578.37	\$1,728.32
10"	\$1,728.14	\$1,892.32	\$2,072.09	\$2,268.93	\$2,484.48

The Water Service Meter Base Charge is a monthly charge. For purposes of illustration, a water customer with a 5/8" meter connection will pay \$17.33 per month effective January 1, 2015, \$18.98 per month effective January 1, 2016 and so on.

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2"	\$37.61	\$41.19	\$45.10	\$49.38	\$54.08
3"	\$70.46	\$77.16	\$84.49	\$92.51	\$101.30
4"	\$117.44	\$128.60	\$140.81	\$154.19	\$168.84
6"	\$223.93	\$245.20	\$268.49	\$294.00	\$321.93
8"	\$375.80	\$411.51	\$450.60	\$493.41	\$540.28
10"	\$542.03	\$593.52	\$649.90	\$711.64	\$779.25

This private Fire Protection Water Service Charge is a monthly charge for all state regulated Buildings and some non-state regulated buildings, as defined in the California Fire Code. For purposes of illustration, a fire protection customer with a 2" meter connection will pay \$37.61 per month effective January 1, 2015, \$41.19 per month effective January 1, 2016 and so on.

Majority Protest Public Hearing Process (Proposition 218): At a public hearing to be held December 16, 2014, the City Council will consider all written materials and oral testimony concerning the proposed water rate increase. If you oppose the proposed increase, you may submit a written protest in opposition to the increase, subject to the rules and procedures described in this notice below and in guidelines approved by the City Council at its regular City Council meeting of October 28, 2014. This notice is being mailed to water customers and the owners of real property parcels receiving water service from the City Water Department or that otherwise lie within the service area of the City Water Department.

Information that Must be Included in Your Written Protest: For your written protest to be counted, please include the following information:

1. **The Assessor Parcel Number of the Property Receiving Water Service.** The person submitting the written protest must include the Assessor Parcel Number ("APN") that corresponds to specific property address where water service is being provided by the City Water Department to you or the business/legal entity on whose behalf the written protest is being submitted. This will allow the City to know which real property parcel you are submitting the protest on behalf of. The APN can be found on the address label of

the envelope in which this notice was sent to you. If you have questions concerning the APN, please contact the phone number below.

2. **The Printed Name of the Person Submitting the Written Protest.** The printed name of the person submitting the written protest must be included in the protest. The following persons are eligible to submit written protests:
 - (a) Any person in whose name an active water service account has been established with the City Water Department, whether or not such person is the owner of the property address receiving such service or is tenant;
 - (b) Any person who owns/co-owns a real property parcel that receives water from the City Water Department or which is otherwise within the service area of the City Water Department, whether or not the water account(s) with the City is in the property owner's name or in the name of a tenant or multiple tenants and whether or not the bi-monthly water bill is paid for by the property owner or the property owner's tenant(s);
 - (c) If a water service account is in the name of a business entity or other legal entity other than a natural person, the person duly authorized by the entity to submit a written protest on the entity's behalf may submit a written protest in the name of the entity. Such persons should also include their title with the entity (e.g. owner, president, partner, trustee etc.); and
 - (d) If the owner of a real property parcel that receives water service from the City Water Department or is otherwise within the service area of the City Water Department is a business entity or other legal entity other than a natural person, the person duly authorized by the entity to submit a written protest on the entity's behalf may submit a written protest in the name of the entity. Such persons should also include their title with the entity (e.g. owner, president, partner, trustee etc.).

If the person submitting the written protest is a parcel owner or is submitting in the name of a parcel owner that is a business or other legal entity, and the parcel owner is also a water customer, the parcel owner should list all of the water accounts in the parcel owners name. If the parcel owner does not have a water account (for example, because the property tenants are responsible for paying for water service), the parcel owner should indicate so in the written protest.

3. **Signature of Person Submitting the Written Protest.** The person submitting the protest must also include his or her signature.
4. **A Legible Statement that the Protest is Submitted In Opposition to the Rate Increase.** The person submitting the written protest must include a statement that legibly states that they are opposed to the rate increase. For example, the statements "I oppose the water rate increase" or "I am against the water rate increase" would be sufficient.

More than one person may submit a written protest for the same real property parcel as identified by its APN, however, only one vote shall count for each such parcel. Also, if a person owns more than one real property parcel in the City and each of those parcels receives water service from the City Water Department or lies within the service area of the City's Water Department, the owner of these multiple parcels may submit one written protest for each of the parcels. Also, if a person or business/legal entity has multiple water accounts that correspond to different real property parcels, such persons or entities may submit one written protest for each of the real property parcels that correspond to each water account.

Where to Submit Written Protests In Opposition to the Rate Increase: Written protests in opposition to the proposed rate increase may be delivered to the Office of the City Clerk of the City of El Monte ("City Clerk") by or before 5:30 p.m. on December 16, 2014. Written protests delivered before the start of the majority protest public hearing may be delivered personally, by U.S. Mail or by overnight courier service. **Written protests delivered by electronic mail or facsimile will not be accepted or counted as part of the majority protest process.** The City Clerk's Office is located at the following address:

**City of El Monte
Office of the City Clerk
El Monte City Hall - East
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA 91731**

Please be advised that written protests deposited with the U.S. Mail or with any overnight courier service prior to the close of the December 16, 2014 majority protest public hearing but which are not actually received by the City Clerk until after the close of the majority protest public hearing will be deemed late and will not be accepted or counted. The City Clerk's normal business hours are 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday. Notices that are sent by mail or overnight courier should be placed in an envelope that indicates they are being submitted in opposition to the proposed water rate increase both on the envelope and on the written protest itself.

Written protests may also be submitted in person during the majority protest public hearing to be held December 16, 2014 starting at 5:30 p.m. Written protests delivered during the public hearing should be handed to the City Clerk. Please be advised that written protests that are handed to the City Clerk after the majority protest public hearing has been closed will not be accepted or counted. The majority protest public hearing will be held at El Monte City Hall – East, City Council Chambers, 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, California 91731 on December 16, 2014 starting at 5:30 p.m.

If, by the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed water rate increase are not presented for a majority of the identified parcels upon which the proposed charges are to be imposed, the City Council may authorize the water rate increase.

Where to Get More Information About the City's Proposed Water Rate Increase: For more information about this process and the process for submitting written protests please call the City of El Monte at 626-580-2058.