



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF LONG BEACH

Proposed Increase of Water and Sewer Rates

On November 5, 1996, California voters approved Proposition 218, amending the California Constitution as it relates to local governments, fees and charges, including for water and sewer. Pursuant to Proposition 218, the Long Beach Utilities Department will hold a public hearing on August 19, 2024, to consider public protest on proposed increases to the City's water and sewer rates. If adopted, the proposed rates become effective October 1, 2024. City of Long Beach water and/or sewer account owners may protest the proposed changes via written or verbal protest. To qualify, protests must be received by the close of the public hearing.

WRITTEN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND SENT VIA MAIL OR EMAIL Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners Attn: Executive Assistant to the Board 1800 East Wardlow Road Long Beach, CA 90807 Email: Commission@lbutilities.org	PUBLIC HEARING DATE MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. Long Beach Utilities Building 1800 East Wardlow Road Long Beach, CA 90807
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Why am I receiving this notice?

California Proposition 218 establishes a process by which cities can impose or increase certain types of rates or fees. Specific "property related fees," including water and sewer rates, are subject to a noticed public hearing and majority protest process. This notice is a part of that process. As the identified account owner subject to the proposed water and sewer rates, you are receiving this notice not less than 45 days prior to the public hearing, scheduled for August 19, 2024. As an account owner, you have a right to protest the proposed rate increases.

All owners of record and members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing, at which the Board of Utilities Commissioners will hear and consider all testimony and protests the proposed rate increases. At the close of the public hearing, the Board may adopt the new rates if protests of the proposed increases are not presented by a majority of identified accounts upon which the rates are to be charged, or a "majority protest."

Proposed water and sewer rates

The Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners has approved an 11 percent increase to all water rates to be paid by all Long Beach Utilities Department water customers and an 8 percent increase to all sewer rates to be paid by all Long Beach Utilities sewer customers, subject to a public hearing and City Council



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approval. If approved, the increase to the water and sewer rates is effective on October 1, 2024. A detailed table of proposed rates for all customer classes is provided at the end of this notice.

How is my water bill calculated?

Each customer's water bill is composed of two separate rate components:

- (i) a daily service charge based on the customer's meter size and number of days in the billing period.
- (ii) a volumetric charge based on the volume of water consumed by the customer in the billing period.

Impact on the typical monthly bill

Service	Current	Proposed Increase	Total
Water	\$56.79	\$6.25	\$63.04
Sewer	\$11.37	\$0.91	\$12.28

Note: As an example, this table reflects the average monthly bill for a typical single-family household's service, assumed at 9 billing units. One billing unit is 748 gallons.

For more information on calculating your bill and the proposed rates, visit LBUtilities.org/rates.

Why are the water rates increasing?

Revenue generated from customer water bills is used to pay for the ongoing operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of Long Beach's water system. At three public budget and rates workshops in May and June, the Board identified and prioritized investments in local groundwater sources, including new groundwater wells, as well as updates to more than 1,800 miles of pipeline and storage tanks. Combined with remarkable conservation efforts by our customers, making investments today in our water system will ensure a sustainable supply of drinking water for the community and long-term savings for customers by reducing our reliance on comparatively expensive imported water. To view presentations and audio files from the public budget workshops held on May 2, May 16, and June 6, visit LBUtilities.org/budget.

The Long Beach Utilities Department continues to reduce costs wherever possible to mitigate the increase in water rates. The Department understands that many residents and businesses may be impacted by recent economic challenges. The proposed rates represent the lowest possible increase that still allows the Department to sufficiently invest in our infrastructure to continue providing the community with safe, reliable drinking water. Long Beach's water rates remain lower than most other large California cities, including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland.



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Why are the sewer rates increasing?

Similar to the drinking water system, Long Beach Utilities has an aging sewer system. Best practices in sewer system management include robust and proactive maintenance and cleaning. To protect public health, our environment and the reliability of the sewer system, Long Beach Utilities has identified new technologies and equipment to deploy in specific areas of Long Beach's sewer system to prevent sewer spills. Using data from closed circuit television (CCTV) footage, the Department has also identified existing sewer infrastructure to rehabilitate. New laws and rules have increased the frequency of required routine system maintenance and improvements in sewer infrastructure.

The "majority protest" process

All protests must be in writing or made verbally during the hearing to count toward a majority protest. You may submit a written protest by standard mail, email, or in person at the public hearing. Mailed or emailed protests must be received by the Executive Assistant to the Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners (not postmarked) by the close of the public hearing on August 19, 2024. If you have not prepared a written protest in advance but wish to submit one during the public hearing, protests may be made verbally in person.

You must sign the written protest or verbalize it in-person and include your name and street address. If any owner of an identified account files a protest, that account shall be deemed to be protesting the proposed rate increase. Only one protest will be counted per identified account toward a majority protest.

The Long Beach Utilities Executive Assistant will tabulate protests immediately following the close of the public hearing and report the results directly to the Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners. The Board may adopt the new rates if protests against the proposed increases are not presented by a majority of identified accounts upon which the proposed rates are to be charged.

- If you do not want to protest the proposed rates, you do not need to take any action.
- If you want to protest the proposed rates, you must provide a protest as outlined above.

To read a translated copy of this Public Hearing Notice in Spanish, Khmer or Tagalog, please visit LBUtilities.org/budget or call (562) 570-2300 to have one sent to you. To request language interpretation at the public hearing, please email commission@lbutilities.org by August 5, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.



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La Junta de Comisionados de Servicios Públicos de Long Beach ha aprobado un aumento del 11 por ciento en todas las tarifas de agua que pagarán todos los clientes de agua del Departamento de Servicios Públicos de Long Beach y un aumento del 8 por ciento en todas las tarifas de alcantarillado que pagarán todos los clientes de alcantarillado de Long Beach Utilities, sujeto a una audiencia pública y la aprobación del Ayuntamiento. Si se aprueba, el aumento de las tarifas de agua y alcantarillado entrará en vigor el 1 de octubre de 2024.

Para leer una copia traducida de este Aviso de audiencia pública en español, jemer o tagalo, visite LBUtilities.org/budget o llame al (562) 570-2300 para que le envíen una. Para solicitar interpretación de idiomas en la audiencia pública, envíe un correo electrónico a Commission@lbutilities.org antes del 5 de agosto de 2024 a las 5:00 p. m.

គណៈកម្មាធិការសេវាប្រើប្រាស់ក្នុងទីក្រុងឡងប៊ិចបានអនុម័តដំឡើងថ្លៃទឹកចំនួន 11 ភាគរយចំពោះរាល់តម្លៃទឹកទាំងអស់ដែលត្រូវបង់ដោយអតិថិជនទឹករបស់នាយកដ្ឋានប្រើប្រាស់ទឹកឡងប៊ិចទាំងអស់ និងការកើនឡើងចំនួន 8 ភាគរយចំពោះអត្រាប្រព័ន្ធលូទាំងអស់ដែលត្រូវបង់ដោយអតិថិជនប្រព័ន្ធលូឡងប៊ិច Utilities ទាំងអស់។ សវនាការសាធារណៈ និងការយល់ព្រមពីក្រុមប្រឹក្សាក្រុង។ ប្រសិនបើមានការយល់ព្រម ការដំឡើងថ្លៃទឹក និងល្អមានប្រសិទ្ធភាពនៅថ្ងៃទី 1 ខែតុលា ឆ្នាំ 2024។

ដើម្បីអានច្បាប់ចម្លងនៃសេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងស្តីពីសវនាការសាធារណៈនេះ ជាភាសាអេស្ប៉ាញ ខ្មែរ ឬភាសាតាហ្គាឡុក សូមចូលទៅកាន់ LBUtilities.org/budget ឬទូរស័ព្ទទៅ (562) 570-2300 ដើម្បីឱ្យមានការផ្ញើជូនអ្នក។ ដើម្បីស្នើសុំការបកស្រាយភាសានៅសវនាការសាធារណៈ សូមផ្ញើអ៊ីមែលមក commission@lbutilities.org ត្រឹមថ្ងៃទី 5 ខែសីហា ឆ្នាំ 2024 វេលាម៉ោង 5:00 ល្ងាច។

Inaprubahan ng Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners ang 11 porsiyentong pagtaas sa lahat ng mga rate ng tubig na babayaran ng lahat ng mga customer ng tubig ng Long Beach Utilities Department at isang 8 porsiyentong pagtaas sa lahat ng mga rate ng sewer na babayaran ng lahat ng customer ng Long Beach Utilities sewer, na napapailalim sa isang pampublikong pagdinig at pag-apruba ng Konseho ng Lungsod. Kung maaprubahan, ang pagtaas sa mga rate ng tubig at imburnal ay magkakabisa sa Oktubre 1, 2024. Upang basahin ang isang isinaling kopya ng Paunawa sa Pampublikong Pagdinig na ito sa Espanyol, Khmer o Tagalog, mangyaring bisitahin ang LBUtilities.org/budget o tumawag sa (562) 570-2300 upang maipadala sa iyo ang isa. Upang humiling ng interpretasyon ng wika sa pampublikong pagdinig, mangyaring mag-email sa commission@lbutilities.org bago ang Agosto 5, 2024, bago ang 5:00 p.m.

Proposed FY 25 Water and Sewer Rates

If approved, rates effective Oct 1, 2024

Potable

VOLUMETRIC:

Volumetric Rate by Customer Type:

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
IA	First 6	0.000	0.000
II	Next 7	5.350	5.939
III	Over 13	7.807	8.666

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers not granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
IB	First 6	2.795	3.102
II	Next 7	5.350	5.939
III	Over 13	7.807	8.666

For Commercial, Industrial, Irrigation & the City

<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
4.157	4.614

Potable

SERVICE CHARGE:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.799	0.887
1 inch	1.185	1.315
1-1/2inch	2.149	2.385
2 inch	3.307	3.671
3 inch	6.969	7.736
4 inch	11.785	13.081
6 inch	26.244	29.131
8 inch	54.192	60.153
10 inch	81.177	90.106
12 inch	102.379	113.641
16 inch	150.565	167.127

Unmetered Water:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	3.471	3.853
1 inch	5.872	6.518
1-1/2inch	14.464	16.055
2 inch	22.755	25.258

Fireline Charges

<u>Size</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
2 inch	0.473	0.525
3 inch	0.950	1.055
4 inch	1.778	1.974
6 inch	4.737	5.258
8 inch	9.844	10.927
10 inch	17.526	19.454
12 inch	28.172	31.271
16 inch	59.785	66.361

Reclaimed

VOLUMETRIC:

	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
Peaking	2.702	2.999
Non-peaking	2.294	2.546
Interruptible	2.294	2.546

Reclaimed

SERVICE CHARGE:

Same as Potable Water
Daily Service Charges

Sewer

VOLUMETRIC:

	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
Per 100 Cu. ft.	0.393	0.424

Sewer

SERVICE CHARGE:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2024</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.248	0.268
1 inch	0.366	0.395
1-1/2inch	0.961	1.038
2 inch	1.658	1.791
3 inch	3.862	4.171
4 inch	5.587	6.034
6 inch	15.565	16.810
8 inch	16.499	17.819
10 inch	25.540	27.583
12 inch	32.212	34.789
16 inch	47.376	51.166