



City of Livermore
 Water Resources Division
 101 W. Jack London Boulevard
 Livermore, CA 94551

Since 1942, safe and reliable wastewater service has been provided by the City of Livermore 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The City currently provides wastewater service to around 91,000 residents and 1,000 businesses. While most people don't often think about what happens to wastewater after it leaves their home or business, wastewater services are critical to protecting public health and the environment. You have received this mailer to inform you of a proposed adjustment to your Sewer Service Charge.

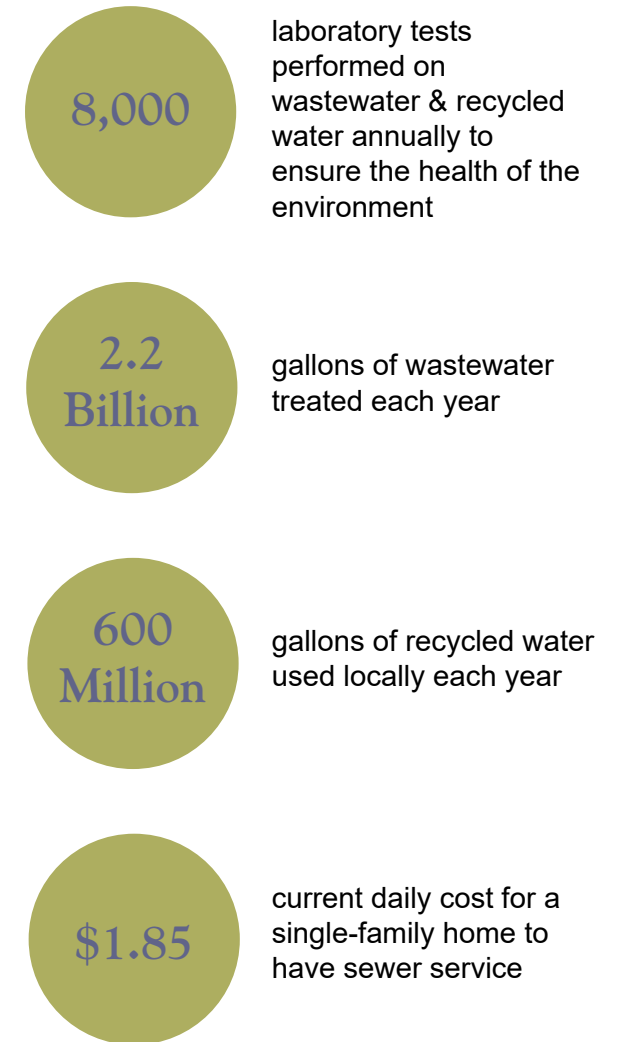
What are Sewer Service Charges?

Sewer Service Charges fund the cost of operating, maintaining, and improving Livermore's sewer (wastewater) system. Funding for the City of Livermore's wastewater system relies solely on Sewer Service Charges; no property or sales taxes are used to support this service. As a public agency, the City of Livermore cannot collect more revenue than is necessary to recover the costs of providing the services, and cannot charge any group of customers more than their fair share of those costs.

What is part of Livermore's Wastewater System?

Livermore relies on a network of more than 300 miles of sewer mains and four lift stations to transport wastewater from Livermore's customers to the Livermore Water Reclamation Plant, located at 101 W. Jack London Boulevard. Livermore's treated wastewater is then either piped to the San Francisco Bay or used locally as recycled water for irrigation and fire protection.

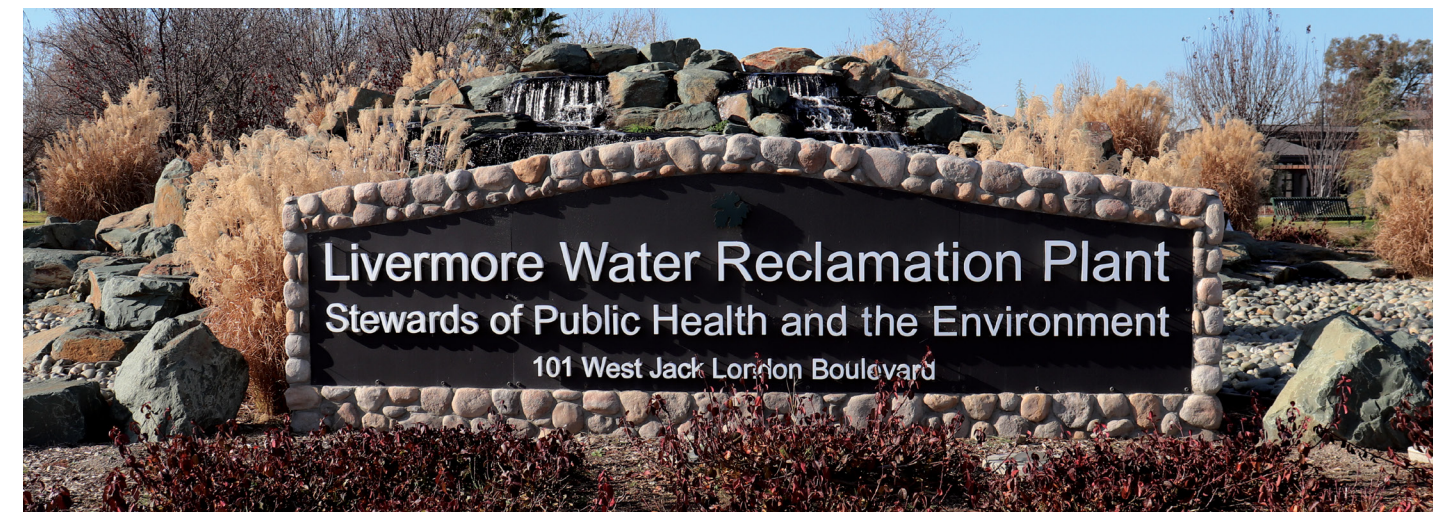
Livermore's Wastewater By the Numbers



Visit www.cityoflivermore.net/wrd to learn more about Livermore's wastewater system

Notice of Public Hearing Proposed Change to Sewer Service Charges

Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
 Livermore Council Chambers
 1016 S. Livermore Avenue
 Livermore, CA 94550



Planning for Livermore's Future

Now more than ever, the City of Livermore is investing in the critical infrastructure that residents and businesses rely on every day. The wastewater system that has served Livermore so well is aging, but the City of Livermore has plans to systematically replace and modernize its pipelines and facilities as part of its 20 Year Capital Improvement Plan. This plan has outlined over \$40 million that will be invested in Livermore's wastewater system over the next five years. Below is an overview of these critical projects.



Livermore Water Reclamation Plant Improvements

The Livermore Water Reclamation Plant was built in 1958 and its last major expansion was completed over 25 years ago. The City of Livermore has planned significant improvements to replace and modernize the plant's aging infrastructure. These projects include:

- Installing an emergency generator to ensure wastewater can continue to be treated during prolonged power outages.
- Renovating the primary and secondary treatment facilities, an aeration tank, and the UV disinfection system to ensure treated wastewater is safe to release into the environment. These improvements will also reduce odor and improve the Livermore Water Reclamation Plant's efficiency and reliability.
- Repairing older roofs and improving the plant's energy-efficiency.



Sewer Main Improvements

The City of Livermore maintains over 300 miles of sewer mains, 30% of which are 50 years or older. Though there are many sewer main repairs and replacements planned over the next few years, the larger projects include:

- Replacing ½ mile section of sewer main in the Springtown area that was originally built 50 years ago. The new sewer main will be relocated farther away from Arroyo Las Positas to protect the pipe from potential flooding.
- Replacing ¾ mile section of sewer main near South S Street and Holmes Street to meet the City of Livermore's current design and performance criteria.

Why is a Sewer Service Charge Adjustment being Proposed?

In 2019, a third-party consultant prepared a Cost of Service Study to determine what rates are necessary to ensure there will be adequate funding to complete Livermore's planned wastewater capital improvement projects, along with maintaining reserve funds, preparing for emerging regulatory requirements, and covering the cost of operation, maintenance, construction,

and improvement of the facilities used for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater. The rates recommended by this study are the proposed Sewer Service Charges outlined in this mailer. To read the complete Cost of Service Study or learn more about upcoming capital improvement projects, visit www.cityoflivermore.net/wrd.

Proposed Sewer Service Charges

Residential Property Types	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2020	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2021	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2022	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2023	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2024
Single Family Home	\$ 56.35	\$ 58.93	\$ 61.88	\$ 64.98	\$ 68.23	\$ 71.65
Multi-Family Property (Per Unit)	\$ 42.50	\$ 48.21	\$ 50.63	\$ 53.17	\$ 55.83	\$ 58.63

Residential sewer service charges are fixed rates included on property tax bills. The rates listed above are per month.

Non-Residential Property Types	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2020	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2021	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2022	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2023	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2024
Fixed Charge	\$ 22.61	\$ 26.66	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.40	\$ 30.87	\$ 32.42

Variable Charges - based on hundred cubic feet (CCF) of water used per month

Bakeries	\$ 8.28	\$ 10.01	\$ 10.52	\$ 11.05	\$ 11.61	\$ 12.20
Commercial Laundries	\$ 5.37	\$ 6.23	\$ 6.55	\$ 6.88	\$ 7.23	\$ 7.60
Markets with Disposals	\$ 8.30	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.55	\$ 11.08	\$ 11.64	\$ 12.23
Mortuaries	\$ 8.30	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.55	\$ 11.08	\$ 11.64	\$ 12.23
Restaurants	\$ 8.28	\$ 10.01	\$ 10.52	\$ 11.05	\$ 11.61	\$ 12.20
All other Commercial Properties	\$ 4.13	\$ 4.44	\$ 4.67	\$ 4.91	\$ 5.16	\$ 5.42
Schools & Institutions	\$ 3.91	\$ 4.33	\$ 4.55	\$ 4.78	\$ 5.02	\$ 5.28

Non-residential sewer service charges are composed of a fixed charge and a variable charge. The fixed charge is the same for all non-residential accounts. The variable charge is based on the type of property and water usage. The fixed and variable charges listed above are the rates per month.

Rate Hearing Process

The Livermore City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting these proposed Sewer Service Charges on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Livermore Council Chambers, located at 1016 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. If the proposed Sewer Service Charges are adopted, they will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

The Livermore City Council welcomes public comments during the April 27th public hearing. However, only valid written letters will be counted as formal protests to the proposed rate adjustments. To be valid, protest must:

- Include a statement that the letter is a protest to the proposed sewer service charges,
- List the assessor's parcel number, utility account number, or street address of the property,
- Include the name of the property owner(s) or

customer(s) submitting the protest,

- Include an original signature from the property owner(s) or customer(s) submitting the protest.

Only one protest per property will be counted. Protest letters may either be mailed or submitted in person prior to the close of the April 27th public hearing. Mailed protests must be received at the address below by 5:00 p.m. on April 27th.

ATTN: City Clerk's Office (Sewer Service Rate Protest)
1052 S. Livermore Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

If you have any questions about the public hearing or submitting a protest, contact Marie Weber, City Clerk at (925) 960-4200 or cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net.