



# CITY OF INGLEWOOD



## Notice of Public Hearing on Water and Sewer Rate Increases

In compliance with Article XIID of the California State Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, the City of Inglewood is hereby notifying all affected property owners, utilizing the City of Inglewood water and/or sewer systems, that the public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 @7:00 PM at;

**City Council Chambers**  
**9<sup>th</sup> floor, City Hall**  
**City of Inglewood**  
**One West Manchester Boulevard**  
**Inglewood, California 90312**

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing.

At the public hearing, the City Council will consider all written materials and oral testimony concerning the proposed water and sewer service rate increases. If you oppose the proposed rate increases, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered. If written protests are submitted by a majority of affected property owners, the proposed rate increases will not be imposed. As a courtesy, this notice is being mailed to rate payers in addition to property owners, but only written protests from property owners will be counted, per Proposition 218 noticing requirements.

**Written protests may be sent to or delivered on or before February 7, 2012 to:**

**Office of the City Clerk**  
**City of Inglewood**  
**One West Manchester Boulevard**  
**P.O. Box 6500**  
**Inglewood, Ca. 90312**

**or in the City Council Chambers during the public hearing so long as they are received prior to the close of the public hearing.** Any written protests must include your name, Assessor Parcel Number (APN), water/sewer service address, a statement indicating your opposition to the proposed water and/or sewer rate increase and signature. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. **E-mail and faxed protests and protests, received after the public hearing is closed, will not be accepted.** Please identify on the front of the envelope that the enclosed letter of protest is for the **Water/Sewer Service Charge Public Hearing**. Owners of multiple properties must file a separate written protest for each property. Only one written protest per parcel will be accepted.

If, by the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed water rate schedule are not presented by a majority of affected property owners, the proposed rate changes will be imposed.

This notice is also available on the City's website. If you have any questions about the proposed water or sewer rate increases or the process for submitting a written protest, please call the **City of Inglewood, Public Works Department at 310-412-5333**.

## Water

In providing adequate water services to its customers, every water utility must receive sufficient total revenue to ensure proper operation and maintenance, development and perpetuation of the system and preservation of the utility's financial integrity. Utility rate calculations are based on the operation and maintenance expenses (including purchased water, labor, utilities, supplies and materials), capital expenditures for infrastructure (including pipelines, water treatment plant, wells and reservoirs), debt service payments on bonds and other debt, and adequate reserves for meeting capital and operational needs. Despite the rising cost of maintaining, operating and upgrading the water system in previous years, **this rate increase is the first rate change since 2003.**

Table 1 shows the current water rates. Tables 2 through 4 show the first two proposed increases. Additional annual increases to address pass-through of purchased water costs and CPI adjustments are contemplated through FY 2016-17.

**Table 1. Current Water Charges**

Meter Size	\$/month
3/4"	\$9.00
1"	\$12.00
1.5"	\$18.00
2"	\$24.00
3"	\$36.00
4"	\$48.00
6"	\$72.00
8"	\$96.00
12"	\$144.00
<b>Fire Service</b>	\$12.00
<b>Usage Blocks</b>	<b>\$/hcf</b>
0 – 8 hcf	\$2.212
9 - 750 hcf	\$2.950
Over 750 hcf	\$3.392

**Table 3. Proposed Potable Water Commodity Rate, \$/hcf (hundred cubic feet)**

Single Family Customer Blocks	Feb. 8, 2012	Oct. 1, 2012
0 – 15 hcf	\$3.20	\$3.50
15 – 39 hcf	\$4.30	\$4.75
Over 39 hcf	\$5.40	\$6.00
<b>All Other Customers</b>	<b>Feb. 8, 2012</b>	<b>Oct. 1, 2012</b>
<b>All water</b>	\$4.10	\$4.50

**Table 2. Proposed Water Fixed Charge, \$/month**

Meter Size	Feb. 8, 2012	Oct. 1, 2012
3/4"	\$12.00	\$13.50
1"	\$14.25	\$16.00
1.5"	\$20.00	\$22.50
2"	\$26.50	\$29.75
3"	\$44.75	\$50.00
4"	\$65.00	\$72.75
6"	\$121.50	\$136.00
8"	\$189.00	\$211.75
12"	\$283.50	\$317.50

**Table 4. Proposed Fire Service Charge, \$/month**

Meter Size	Feb. 8, 2012	Oct. 1, 2012
4" and less	\$32.00	\$35.75
6"	\$75.00	\$84.00
8"	\$155.00	\$173.50

## Sewer

The City's existing sewer system is constructed before 1960. A comprehensive operation and maintenance program is the best tool in assuring reliable sewer system. Utility rate calculations are based on the cost of operation and maintenance expenses (including labor, utilities, supplies and materials), capital expenditures for

infrastructure (including - pipelines, manholes and pavements), and adequate reserves for meeting capital and operational needs. This rate increase is needed to pay for the capital improvements that have been delayed due to lack of funds, annual sewer system upgrade, and to build up and maintain reserves. The City performed visual and CCTV inspection of the sewer system and manholes and assessed severity of the deficiencies. The City needs to upgrade and or replace most of the sewer pipelines. **This rate increase is the first rate change since 2003.**

Table 5 shows the current sewer rate schedule. Table 6 shows the proposed increases effective October 1, 2012. Additional annual increases to address pass-through costs and CPI adjustments are contemplated through FY 2016-17.

**Table 5. Current Sewer Service Charges, \$/month**

Residential Sewer Charges		Commercial and Industrial Sewer Charges	
Number of Units	Charge, \$/month	Street Frontage	Charge, \$/month
1 unit	\$6.25	0 – 25 feet	\$16.50
2 units	\$12.00	25 – 50 feet	\$19.10
3 units	\$17.45	50 – 100 feet	\$26.10
4 units	\$22.30	100 – 200 feet	\$34.05
Additional Units	\$3.50/unit	200 – 300 feet	\$42.15
		300 – 500 feet	\$55.20
		Over 500 feet	\$55.20 + \$2.00/ 25 foot segment or fraction thereof

**Table 6. Proposed FY 2013 Sewer Rate**

Customer Class	Unit Charge
<b>Residential</b>	
1 unit	\$7.50/month
2 units	\$14.25/month
3 units	\$20.75/month
4 units	\$26.50/month
Each Additional Unit	\$4.15/month/unit
<b>Non-Residential</b>	
(applied to 90% of water usage)	\$0.75/hcf