

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF
ORDINANCE NO. OC SAN-58**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT ADOPTING
REGIONAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. OCSD-49**

Notice is hereby given that on March 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Orange County Sanitation District's (OC San) Board Room located at 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, California, the Board of Directors of OC San will consider enacting Ordinance No. OC SAN-58 adopting regional sewer service charges. The Board will consider making findings of fact, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The Board is authorized to prescribe, revise, and collect fees or other charges for services and facilities furnished by OC San in connection with its sewerage system;
- The Board has previously approved the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which includes rehabilitation and refurbishment of existing facilities;
- The Board intends to adopt the regional sewer service charges to ensure that OC San has sufficient revenues and reserves to meet OC San's obligations and operations; and
- The Board is authorized to have the proposed regional sewer service charges collected on the tax roll.

If adopted, the proposed Ordinance will establish regional sewer service charges, which will be levied on each parcel receiving sewer service from OC San, to recover the reasonable costs to provide sewer service to individual properties which have been improved for different types of uses. The sewer service charges are reasonably related to, and do not exceed, the cost of providing sewer services. The basic sewer service charge for the next five fiscal years for Single Family and Multi Family residential users will be as follows:

| | PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 | | | | |
|------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FY | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
| SFR | \$358.00 | \$371.00 | \$384.00 | \$397.00 | \$411.00 |
| MFR | \$250.60 | \$259.70 | \$268.80 | \$277.90 | \$287.70 |

Sewer service charges for other uses shall be calculated based upon the percentage applicable to the property use classification multiplied by the Single Family Residential User Rate. The sewer service charges will be used to (i) meet operating expenses, (ii) purchase or lease supplies, equipment, or materials, (iii) meet financial reserve needs and requirements, and (iv) obtain funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

The proposed Ordinance further provides that the charges will be collected on the County tax roll in the same manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as, together with, and not separately from, its general taxes. In certain circumstances, and upon conditions prescribed in the Ordinance, property owners may be entitled to either a rebate or a refund with respect to charges paid. The adoption of the sewer services charges is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

OC San will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting of March 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at OC San's Headquarters, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 for the purpose of considering adoption of proposed Ordinance No. OC SAN-58 and to have such charges collected on the tax roll, together with and not separately from, its general taxes. A copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance No. OC SAN-58 is on file with the Clerk of the Board and available for public review and is attached to the Agenda and Staff report for the Board meeting at which it was introduced for first reading on February 22, 2023, which is posted at OC San's website at www.ocsan.gov.

For additional information, contact the Clerk of the Board at klore@ocsan.gov or call (714) 593-7433.



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