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Prepared By: Grant Dunne, Management Analyst III  Agenda Item No. L-2

Reviewed By: City Manager  City Attorney  Finance  Public Works

**DATE:** July 9, 2012

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Rob Roshanian, Interim Public Works Director  FOR R.R.  
Public Works

**SUBJECT:** **Ordinances to Continue and Establish Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources User Fees and Charges and Appropriation of Revenue Funds**

### RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Hold a public hearing to receive public testimony and consider all protests concerning the adoption of ordinances continuing and establishing certain water, wastewater and environmental resources user fees and charges.
2. Approve the first reading by title only and subsequent adoption of ordinances continuing and establishing water, wastewater and environmental resources user fees and charges.
3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to make the necessary budget adjustments consistent with items 1 and 2.

### SUMMARY

The City's primary financial goal for its utilities enterprises is to ensure that revenues from rates and fees are adequate to fund: daily operations; required maintenance; replacement or rehabilitation of aging facilities and infrastructure; fleet replacement; needed capital improvements, debt service coverage; rate smoothing over the long-term; and maintenance of an appropriate level of operating reserves. The City maintains a comprehensive rate program and routinely evaluates the cost of service for each utility enterprise and for each customer class, and prepares a rate study report of the findings. The analyses found that, despite the efficiency improvements and budget cuts implemented over the past three years, all three of the enterprises current revenues are insufficient to meet anticipated necessary expenditures. Therefore, staff recommends Council approve a two-step rate increase, effective August 2012 and January 2013. The recommended rate increase for the Water Enterprise is three percent (3%) in August 2012. The recommended revenue increases for the Wastewater Enterprise are twelve percent (12%) in August 2012 and eight percent (8%) in January 2013. The recommended

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rate increases for the Environmental Resources Division are one percent (1%) for both August 2012 and January 2013.

### **DISCUSSION**

Water Rate Study 2002. In 2002, the City of Oxnard completed the *City of Oxnard Water Rate Study, Dec 2002* (Water Rate Study 2002), a comprehensive cost of service and rate study for its Water Enterprise. The Water Rate Study 2002 established a reasonable and direct connection between the costs to operate, maintain and administer the systems and facilities of the Water Enterprise and each customer class with rates, and provided a 5-year financial management plan. Of note were the establishment of an inverted block rate structure, creation of new rate classes, funding for the City's new Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) Program, renaming the former Water Connection Fee to the Capital Facilities Fee, creation of a new Water Resources Development Fee, and a rate increase.

The establishment of an inverted block rate structure, or conservation rate structure, was intended to bring the City into compliance with the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC) requirements to encourage water conservation. The conservation rate structure features a fixed monthly charge that covers only a portion of the fixed costs of the Enterprise, and a series of tiers with increasing per unit costs, that cover the variable costs of the Enterprise plus the balance of the fixed costs. The tiers were set to reflect the City's existing water portfolio, with the first tier representing a blend of City-produced groundwater plus imported water, the second tier representing a blend of United Water Conservation District-produced groundwater plus imported water, and the third tier representing imported water only. The study equitably allocated the available water resources to each of the rate classes, least expensive first, thereby establishing the tiers for each rate class.

The establishment of new multi-family residential and single-family residential rate classes, in addition to the existing commercial/institutional/industrial and fireline rate classes was intended to improve equity between different types of residential customers, in recognition of the differing demands and associated costs between customer classes. Different rate categories have differing impacts upon the Water Enterprise's costs associated with volume of water used, flow capacity requirements, and customer service requirements. For example, the single family residential class puts a higher cost per equivalent meter upon the Water Enterprise than does the multi-family residential class in the volume of water used category, flow capacity category and customer service category, so both the fixed charges and the volumetric charges associated with the single family residential class should be higher, in order to be equitable; thus the creation of the separate multi-family class with lower rates.

The provision for funding the capital projects of the City's new GREAT Program was included in the rate study, in order to provide a new water source for existing water customers. The new water source from the GREAT Program would make up for the ongoing loss of a portion of the City's groundwater allocations, due to implementation of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency regulations. The study included planning for approximately \$58 million in funding for the GREAT Program. Operating costs for GREAT Program facilities were not included, as they were not anticipated during the 5-year study period.

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The establishment of the Capital Facilities Fee and Water Resources Development Fee was intended to comply with the provisions of Assembly Bill 1600, and to provide a funding mechanism to fund capacity expansions of the water distribution system (Capital Facilities Fee Fund) and expansions of water supply development projects, such as the GREAT Program (Water Resources Development Fee Fund). Collection of these fees was to be used to fund capital projects that expanded the water system and reimburse the Water Enterprise for new customers' purchase of existing capacity.

Utilities Rate Study 2009. In 2009, the City of Oxnard completed the *City of Oxnard CA Revenue Requirements, Cost of Service Allocations and Rate Design for the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Enterprises* report, Nov 2009 (Rate Study 2009), a comprehensive rate study for its Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Resources Enterprises. The rate study established a reasonable and direct connection between the costs to operate, maintain and administrate the systems and facilities for each enterprise and each customer class with rates, and provided a long-term (10-year) financial management plan. Of note were new cost of service studies for the Wastewater and Environmental Resources Enterprises and validation of the existing cost of service study for the Water Enterprise; establishment of a volumetric fee structure for all wastewater customers, in compliance with CUWCC requirements; and a series of rate increases to bring the enterprises' revenues in line with necessary costs. The study recommended small increases each year.

The 2009 cost of service studies for the Wastewater and Environmental Resources Enterprises found that revenues were insufficient to meet the anticipated necessary expenditures of both enterprises, and recommended a series of rate increases. It also found that inequities existed between customer classes and recommended adjustments to make sure that each customer class covered its costs of services. The study found that the Wastewater Enterprise faced significant upcoming costs to begin replacing critical infrastructure in both the wastewater collection system and treatment plant.

The Utilities Rate Study 2009 established a volumetric fee structure for all wastewater customers, replacing the flat monthly fee for residential customers. This is in compliance with CUWCC requirements for conservation rates for both water and wastewater customers. For each customer class, the study established percentages of metered water usage that returns to the wastewater system. The new rate structure utilized those return-to-sewer figures to bill customers. This system rewards those who use less water and have lower discharges to the wastewater system.

Rate Study 2012. In the past two fiscal years, significant budget cuts were made and rate increases deferred, minimizing impacts upon customers in difficult economic times. In July 2011, staff re-examined the financial condition of each utility enterprise and determined, with verification of the rate study, that rate increases are needed for Fiscal Year 2012-13. Findings were included in the *Rate Study Update: Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Divisions* report, May 2012 (Rate Study 2012). On March 6, 2012, staff presented a report to City Council establishing the basis for the recommended rate increases.

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Subsequent to the March 6, 2012 report, staff proceeded with a Proposition 218-compliant notification process by mailing notices to all property owners and utility customers stating the date of this public hearing and explaining the basis for the recommended rates. Staff recommends the adoption of the attached ordinances continuing and establishing water, wastewater and environmental resources user fees and charges to recover cost of operations and maintenance so that the utilities can remain self-supporting enterprises.

The proposed rate increases will ensure the continuation of daily operations, and future rate smoothing. Adoption of the proposed rates will also allow the enterprises to meet debt service coverage requirements and provide for replacement of fleet and aging infrastructure.

Subject to City Council approval, staff recommends a two-step rate increase in Fiscal Year 2012-2013, effective August 2012 and January 2013. The rate increase for the Water Enterprise is three percent (3%) in August 2012. The revenue increases for the Wastewater Enterprise are twelve percent (12%) in August 2012 and eight percent (8%) in January 2013. The rate increases for the Environmental Resources Enterprise are one percent (1%) for both August 2012 and January 2013.

The recommended combined enterprises revenue adjustment is less than 5% for each year. The average single-family residential customer will see an increase of 4.9%, or \$5.33 per month, in August 2012, and a 2.6%, or \$3.02 per month, in January 2013, as reflected in the table below.

**Proposed Rate Increases for Average Single-Family Residential Customer**

Utility Enterprise	Current Rates	Proposed Rates August 2012	Proposed Rates January 2013
Water	\$47.78	\$49.16	\$49.16
Wastewater	\$31.08	\$34.73	\$37.46
Environmental Resources	\$29.92	\$30.22	\$30.51
Total Utility Bill	\$108.78	\$114.11	\$117.13
	Percentage Increase:	4.9%	2.6%

The current average single-family residential utility bill in the Ventura County area is \$110.83. Several cities are currently working on rate increases. Attachment No. 4 is a survey report of the combined utility rates for water, wastewater and solid waste service for the single family unit among cities in Ventura County.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

If approved, the rate increase will provide the following funding:

- \$4,955,000 for water services in Fund 601 Water operating budget
- \$9,695,000 for wastewater services in Fund 621 Wastewater Treatment operating budget and Fund 611 Wastewater Collection operating budget
- \$439,100 for environmental resources services in Fund 631 Environmental resources operating budget

Attachment #1 - Ordinance Continuing and Establishing Water System User Fees and Charges  
#2 - Ordinance Continuing and Establishing Wastewater System User Fees and Charges  
#3 - Ordinance Continuing and Establishing Environmental Resources User Fees and Charges  
#4 - Combined Utility Rate Survey for Single Family Unit

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF  
AND FOR SERVICES RELATING TO CITY WATER SERVICES

WHEREAS, Section 22-60 of the Oxnard City Code requires that the City Council establish by ordinance the rates charged for all water supplied by the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-60 of the Oxnard City Code provides that the rates charged for water supplied by the City shall be increased by the same percentage that the rates paid by the City to its water supply wholesalers increase; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Division – Water Section operates as a self-supporting enterprise fund (Water Fund) that depends upon revenues derived from the sale of water to City customers; and

WHEREAS, on or about the 3rd of November, 2009, the City Council adopted City ordinance 2819, establishing the current rates and charges applicable to City water customers; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department, Water Resources Division --.Water Section prepared a biennial budget and recommendations for the Water Resources Division – Water Section for fiscal years 2011-12, and 2012-13, dated July 19, 2011 (Budget), on file with the City Clerk, which also establishes the basis for the fees and charges set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department has developed a Cost of Service and Revenue Study (Rate Study), and prepared an associated Revenue Requirements, Cost of Service Allocations and Rate Design for the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Divisions Report, 2009, (Rate Study 2009), and a subsequent Rate Study Update for the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Divisions Report, 2012 (Rate Study Update 2012). The Rate Study and report are based upon the Budget and the proportional cost of providing water service to the City's various customer classes, and provide a further basis for the rates and charges set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department - Water Resources Division – Water Section has updated its cost of service analysis and this ordinance reflects updated supplemental fees and charges for certain special services available upon request throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance includes provision for the automatic adjustment of rates based on changes in certain third party costs. The proposed rates displayed as effective beginning August 31, 2012, show the pre-authorized percentage rate increase applicable at the beginning of fiscal year 2011-2012. However, the actual rates effective August 31, 2012 may vary based on the implementation of any automatic rate adjustment resulting from changes in third party costs; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Section 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines provide that CEQA does not apply to the modification of public agency rates and other charges which the public agency finds are intended for certain purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does hereby find as follows:

1. The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the fees adopted herein are for the following purposes:
  - a. Meeting operating expenses, including the increased cost of water supplies, treatment chemicals, electricity costs, debt service, and Water Resources Division – Water Section employee wages and fringe benefits; and
  - b. Purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment, and materials associated with the provision of water service; and
  - c. Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and
  - d. Obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain water service within the City service area, including cast iron pipe replacement, water quality treatment upgrades, fire hydrant upgrades, hydraulic improvements to the existing system, control system improvements, and groundwater well rehabilitation.
2. The basis for the foregoing claim of exemption is found in the Budget, Rate Study, Rate Study 2009 and Rate Study Update 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 22-61 of the Oxnard City Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 22-61. FEES AND CHARGES.**

The following fees and methods for charging and collecting for services relating to the water system of the city are established and effective during the dates indicated, as follows:

**I. Monthly Water Use Rates**

**A. Monthly Rates for Single Family Residential Water Use**

<b>Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>
0 to 6 HCF/Mo.	\$2.62
7 to 12 HCF/Mo.	\$2.90
Over 12 HCF/Mo.	\$4.07

## B. Monthly Rates for Multi-Family Residential Water Use

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012
0 to 17 HCF/Mo.	\$2.13
18 to 32 HCF/Mo.	\$2.38
Over 32 HCF/Mo.	\$3.54

## C. Monthly Rates for Commercial/Institutional/Industrial/Fireline/Landscape Irrigation Water Use

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012
0 to 17 HCF/Mo.	\$2.13
18 to 32 HCF/Mo.	\$2.38
Over 32 HCF/Mo.	\$3.54

## D. Monthly Rates for Metered Construction Water Use

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012
0 to 13 HCF/Mo.	\$4.30
14 to 23 HCF/Mo.	\$4.75
Over 23 HCF/Mo.	\$7.11

## E. Monthly Rates for Oceanview Agricultural Irrigation Water Use

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012
HCF/Mo.	\$0.93

## F. Monthly Rates for Ocean View Residential/Commercial/Institutional/Industrial Use

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012
0 to 17 HCF/Mo.	\$2.13
18 to 32 HCF/Mo.	\$2.38
Over 32 HCF/Mo.	\$3.54

## G. Recycled Water for Irrigation in Lieu of Potable Water

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012
0 to 17 HCF/Mo.	\$1.81
18 to 32 HCF/Mo.	\$2.02
Over 32 HCF/Mo.	\$3.01

## H. Recycled Water for Industrial in Lieu of Potable Water

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012
0 to 13 HCF/Mo.	\$1.81
14 to 23 HCF/Mo.	\$2.02
Over 23 HCF/Mo.	\$3.01

## II. Monthly Meter Rates

In addition to monthly rates for water use (per HCF) as set forth in subsection I, all accounts shall pay one of the following monthly meter rates, based on service connection or meter size, and the associated customer class or use:

A. Single Family Residential &  
Ocean View Residential/Commercial/Institutional/Industrial

Meter Size (inches)	Effective August 31, 2012
0.75"	\$14.30
1.0"	\$22.54
1.5"	\$41.69
2.0"	\$69.55
3.0"	\$142.02
4.0"	\$241.06
6.0"	\$500.12
8.0"	\$718.40
10.0"	\$1,156.39

## B. Multi-Family Residential

Meter Size (inches)	Effective August 31, 2012
0.75"	\$12.20
1.0"	\$19.22
1.5"	\$35.03
2.0"	\$54.28
3.0"	\$121.94
4.0"	\$198.20
6.0"	\$414.65
8.0"	\$595.74
10.0"	\$958.68

C. Commercial/Institutional/Industrial/Landscape Irrigation

Meter Size (inches)	Effective August 31, 2012
0.75"	\$9.86
1.0"	\$15.16
1.5"	\$27.35
2.0"	\$42.50
3.0"	\$90.91
4.0"	\$155.47
6.0"	\$318.22
8.0"	\$464.22
10.0"	\$736.05

D. Ocean View Agricultural Irrigation

Meter Size (inches)	Effective August 31, 2012
0.75"	\$9.86
1.0"	\$15.16
1.5"	\$27.35
2.0"	\$42.50
3.0"	\$90.91
4.0"	\$155.47
6.0"	\$318.22
8.0"	\$464.22
10.0"	\$736.05

III. Special Water Services: Each customer shall pay the following fees, according to the service received.

A. Flat Rates: Effective August 31, 2012

Where meters are not installed, water services shall be paid for each dwelling facility, business activity, construction site, or service, whether or not such facility, activity, site or service is at the same location, at a monthly rate which shall be determined by the public works director subject to the approval of the city manager. Any unmetered service shall be temporary and limited to the shortest duration practical.

**B. Fire Services**

In addition to the monthly rate for water service (per HCF) set forth in subsection 1, and the monthly meter rates set forth in subsection 2, those accounts with separate, private fire lines used exclusively for fire protection, whether such lines are attached to automatic sprinkler systems, fire hydrants or hose attachments, shall pay monthly meter rates, based on meter or connection size:

<b>Meter Size (inches)</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>
0.75"	\$1.51
1.0"	\$2.62
1.5"	\$5.01
2.0"	\$8.05
3.0"	\$17.76
4.0"	\$30.36
6.0"	\$63.32
8.0"	\$91.09
10.0"	\$146.83

**C. Metered Construction Rate**

All water drawn through a temporary meter on a fire hydrant or other connection to a main shall be paid for at metered construction rate, as set forth in subsection 1.

In addition to the monthly rates for water use, a monthly charge based on meter size shall be imposed as follows:

<b>Meter Size (inches)</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>
0.75"	\$0.00
1.0"	\$25.11
1.5"	\$0.00
2.0"	\$0.00
3.0"	\$84.50
4.0"	\$0.00
6.0"	\$0.00
8.0"	\$0.00
10.0"	\$0.00

**D. Unmetered Rate**

In new subdivisions and other projects where meters are not installed immediately, water use shall be paid for at rate determined as set forth in subsection III (A). In addition to those monthly rates for water use, a monthly charge based on the size of the service connection shall be imposed as follows:

<b>Meter Size (inches)</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>
0.75"	\$7.11
1.0"	\$10.45
1.5"	\$15.91
2.0"	\$20.89
3.0"	\$26.29
4.0"	\$31.67
6.0"	\$42.45
8.0"	\$53.23
10.0"	\$64.00

**E. Monthly Security and Contamination Prevention Fee**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Effective July 1, 2010</b>
Security and Contamination Prevention Fee	\$1.24

**F. Monthly Water Resource Fee**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Effective July 1, 2010</b>
Water Resource Fee	\$0.50

**G. Service to City**

1. The city shall pay for all installation services furnished to the city at the rates established by this section. However, the water division shall be exempt from paying for installation service.
2. The city shall pay for all water furnished to the city at the rates established by this section. However, the water division and the fire department shall be exempt from paying for water provided to them.
3. Unmetered water used for street sweeping, plant watering, storm drain flushing, construction purposes, and all miscellaneous uses not herein specifically mentioned shall be deemed to have been furnished through a single meter for each department. The public works director shall estimate the monthly volume of unmetered water used for such purposes.
4. All water furnished to property owned by the city shall be metered.

**H. Temporary Agricultural Use**

The city may provide water on a temporary basis for agricultural purposes in accordance with section 22-65 of the City Code. Monthly water rates for temporary agricultural purposes shall be the same as commercial/industrial blended rates.

**I. Broken locks**

In the event a customer breaks a lock placed on the water meter, in addition to all other amounts due, the customer shall pay a fee of \$12.00 to replace the broken lock.

**J. Billing and collection; delinquent bills; nonpayment**

The customer shall pay a fee of \$13.00 for each visit to a customer's property to collect a water bill that is delinquent. If water service is discontinued due to nonpayment or non-compliance with the City Code or this ordinance, in addition to all other amounts due, the customer shall pay a fee of \$80.00 for resuming service.

**K. Billing Procedure for Periodic Charge for City Water Service**

Water service bills shall be computed according to the rates then in effect and the number of days in the service period at each rate.

Part 2. As provided in section 22-37 of the City Code, the customer shall pay for installation of each water service and water meter:

(A) In addition to the cost of administration and materials, the rates for installing each new service and each new meter, which amount shall be paid in advance, shall be as follows:

Service	Meter	Meter Box and Tail Piece	Effective August 31, 2012
3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	\$1,500.00
1"	1"	1"	\$1,700.00
1-1/2"	1-1/2"	1-1/2"	\$2,200.00
2"	2"	2"	\$2,500.00

(B) The rates for installing each new meter on a service, previously installed and paid for, shall be as follows in addition to the cost of materials:

Meter	Service	New Box	Effective August 31, 2012
3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	\$450.00
1"	1"	1"	\$525.00
1-1/2"	1-1/2"	1-1/2"	\$925.00
2"	2"	2"	\$1,100.00

Part 3. As provided in sections 22-19, 22-26, 22-33, 22-35, 22-39, 22-40, 22-46, 22-48, 22-49 and 22-61 of the City Code, the city shall require the payment of deposits, fees and charges as follows:

(A) Fully Allocated Hourly Rates

	Effective August 31, 2012
Meter Repair Worker	\$68.00
Water Distribution Operator I	\$62.00
Water Distribution Operator II	\$71.00
Senior Water Distribution Operator	\$78.00

(B) Deposit guaranteeing payment

Each applicant for service shall be required to place a deposit with the city to guarantee the payment of all water charges. The amount of this deposit for monthly water service shall be:

	Meter	Effective August 31, 2012
For each	3/4"	\$44.00
For each	1"	\$65.00
For each	1-1/2"	\$120.00
For each	2"	\$185.00

For each meter over two inches, an amount equal to an approximate one-month minimum bill, but not less than \$205.00.

(C) Meter testing

Upon written request to test a meter, the customer shall deposit \$100.00 for a meter size of up to eight inches and \$200.00 for a meter size of over eight inches.

(D) Turning water on or off – non-emergency

Except in an emergency situation, the charge to have water turned on or off during customary business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) shall be \$80.00. To have the water turned on or off at any time after hours (this includes weekends and City-observed holidays), the charge shall be \$145.00.

(E) Removal of meter and reinstallation

In the event a customer turns on the water service or permits or causes water service to be turned on after water service has been turned off for nonpayment or noncompliance, the city shall again turn off the service and remove the meter, and the customer shall pay a fee of \$120.00, in addition to other amounts due, before water service is restored.

(F) Request for Relocation or Abandonment of Meters or Service will be estimated in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Relocate meter box laterally (not in paved area):

Meter	Effective August 31, 2012	Total Cost Effective August 31, 2012
3/4"	\$440.00 + Abandonment Cost	\$560.00
1"	\$615.00 + Abandonment Cost	\$735.00
1-1/2"	\$835.00 + Abandonment Cost	\$985.00
2"	\$1,190.00 + Abandonment Cost	\$1,370.00

2. Relocate meter box from yard to sidewalk

Service	Effective August 31, 2012
Relocate meter box from yard to sidewalk	\$240.00

3. Relocate meter box from driveway to sidewalk

Service	Effective August 31, 2012
Relocate meter box from driveway to sidewalk	\$300.00

4. Abandonment of water services:

Meter	Effective August 31, 2012
3/4"	\$120.00
1"	\$120.00
1-1/2"	\$150.00
2"	\$180.00

**\* Relocation or abandonment of services will be done by Water Distribution personnel unless it is determined by the Water Resources Manager that a contractor will be used. It is required that the contractor follow the proper Public Works procedures, obtain all necessary permits, have all necessary inspections performed and pay all required fees.**

5. Credit for existing meter removed and replaced with a larger service and meter in the same location:

Meter	Effective August 31, 2012
3/4"	\$235.00
1"	\$290.00
1-1/2"	\$505.00
2"	\$715.00

(G) Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control

Timely submission of forms demonstrating completed testing and inspection compliance for backflow prevention and cross-connection control device(s) shall include a \$21.00 fee for each device. If the properly completed compliance forms are not returned within 30 days, the Water Resources Manager shall send a second notice, and assess an additional \$16.00 late fee. If the properly completed compliance forms are not returned within 60 days of the original notice, the Water Resources Manager shall send a third notice, and assess an additional \$27.00 late fee. If the properly completed compliance forms are not returned within 90 days of the original notice, the customer or owner shall pay an additional \$53.00, plus the cost of all administrative, labor and materials required to complete the work. Inspection services by City employees shall be provided for a fee of \$48.00 plus, \$16.00 per device.

(H) Fire Hydrant Test, Inspection and Repairs Fees

Service	Effective August 31, 2012
Hydrant Flow Test Inspection	\$150.00

Temporary Hydrant Meter	Effective August 31, 2012
Setup/Retrieval	\$100.00
Move	\$65.00
Deposit – Meter Replacement Cost	\$850.00
Damaged Hydrant Meter Repair	Labor + Materials
Water Curbs Stop Repair	Labor + Materials

Part 4. Automatic Adjustment for Wholesale Water Rate Increases; Reauthorization of City Code Section 22-60:

Pursuant to Government Code section 53756, section 22-60(B) (C) and (D) are reauthorized for a 5 year period.

Part 5. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance, or part thereof, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Part 6. Within fifteen days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ was read on July 17, 2012 and finally adopted on July 31, 2012 to become effective 30 days thereafter.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers .

NOES:

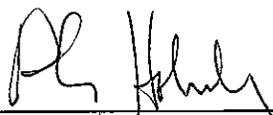
ABSENT:

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Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

(UNCODIFIED)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD  
ESTABLISHING WASTEWATER SYSTEM USER FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the regulations of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Revenue Program Guidelines require that the City of Oxnard's wastewater service charges conform to grant specifications for fair and equitable user fees; and

WHEREAS, the EPA and SWRCB revenue programs require the City to conduct an annual rate adjustment study and to implement the recommendations thereof, to keep municipal wastewater services on a self-supporting basis; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 19 of the Oxnard City Code, Ordinance No. 2818 was adopted the 3rd of November, 2009, to set forth the City's wastewater system fees, charges, and user rates in accordance with the provisions of the City Code and EPA/SWRCB guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department, Water Resources Division – Wastewater Section prepared a biennial budget and recommendations for the Wastewater Section for fiscal years 2010-11, and 2012-13, dated July 19, 2011 (Budget), on file with the City Clerk, which also establishes the basis for the fees and charges set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department has developed a Cost of Service and Revenue Study (Rate Study), and prepared an associated Revenue Requirements, Cost of Service Allocations and Rate Design for the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Divisions Report, 2009, (Rate Study 2009), and a subsequent Rate Study Update for the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Divisions Report, 2012 (Rate Study Update 2012). The Rate Study and report are based upon the Budget and the proportional cost of providing wastewater treatment and disposal service to the City's various customer classes, and provide a further basis for the rates and charges set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department, Water Resources Division -- Wastewater Section has updated its cost of service analysis and this ordinance reflects updated supplemental fees and charges for certain special services available upon request throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance includes provision for the automatic adjustment of rates based on changes in certain third party costs. The proposed rates displayed as effective beginning August 31, 2012, show the pre-authorized percentage rate increase applicable at the beginning of fiscal year 2012-2013. However, the actual rates effective August 31, 2012 may vary based on the implementation of any automatic rate adjustment resulting from changes in third party costs; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Section 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines provide that CEQA does not apply to the modification of public agency rates and other charges which the public agency finds are intended for certain purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does hereby find as follows:

1. The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the fees adopted herein are for the following purposes:
  - a. Meeting operating expenses, including the increased cost of chemicals and energy sources, biosolids management, more stringent regulatory requirements, debt service, and Water Resources Division, Wastewater Section employee wages and fringe benefits; and
  - b. Purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment, and materials associated with the provision of wastewater service; and
  - c. Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and
  - d. Obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain wastewater service within the City service area, including repair and replacement of the extensive collection and disposal systems and treatment plant; and
  - e. Obtaining funds necessary to maintain those intracity transfers as are authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does ordain as follows:

Part 1. The fees, charges and rates set forth below shall be charged and collected for the use of and for other privileges and services relating to the Regional Wastewater Treatment System of the City of Oxnard:

**A. Regional Treatment & Disposal Facility User Charge**

The monthly rate for regional users (Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Naval Base Ventura County (Port Hueneme and Point Mugu)) of the facility shall be calculated by the "Regional User Charge Formula" as follows:

$$RMUC = e (Vm) + f (Bm) + g (Sm)$$

Where:

RMUC = regional monthly user charge in dollars

VM = monthly wastewater discharge in millions of gallons (volume)

Bm = monthly biological oxygen demand (BOD) discharge in thousands of pounds

Sm = monthly suspended solids (SS) discharge in thousands of pounds

e, f and g are unit cost coefficients established as follows:

Service	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Monthly Wastewater Discharge/Millions of Gallons	e = \$1,090.98	e = \$1,178.25
Monthly Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) Discharge/Thousands of Lbs.	f = \$123.60	f = \$133.48
Monthly Suspended Solids (SS) Discharge/Thousands of Lbs.	g = \$181.13	g = \$195.62

**B. City of Oxnard User Charge for Wastewater System**

The rate for City user classes or individual users of the wastewater system shall be calculated by the “City of Oxnard User Charge Formula” (the Oxnard Formula) as follows:

$$OMUC = p (Vm) + q(Bm) + r(Sm)$$

Where:

- OMUC = Oxnard monthly user charge in dollars
- Vm = monthly wastewater discharge in millions of gallons
- Bm = monthly BOD discharge in thousands of pounds
- Sm = monthly SS discharge in thousands of pounds

p, q and r are unit cost coefficients established as follows:

Service	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Monthly Wastewater Discharge/Millions of Gallons	p = \$2,016.56	p = \$2,177.88
Monthly Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) Discharge/Thousands of Lbs.	q = \$459.48	q = \$496.24
Monthly Suspended Solids (SS) Discharge/Thousands of Lbs.	r = \$363.40	r = \$392.47

**1. Formula Users (Industrial & Commercial)**

The monthly user charge for formula users shall be calculated using the Oxnard Formula. Industrial and commercial users billed by Oxnard Formula shall be those so designated by the Public Works Director. For those formula users that do not provide metered wastewater flow data, the wastewater flow shall be assumed to be 90% of water consumed. For those users that provide engineering data acceptable to the Public Works Director showing a different percentage, the wastewater flows will be based on that data.

**2. Non-Formula Users (Industrial, Commercial & Governmental)**

The monthly user charge for non-residential users of the system that are not classified as formula users by the Public Works Director shall be as follows. The rate per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of water used is based on the assumption that a percent of the water consumed is returned to the wastewater system. The applicable percentage differs based on customer class. The percentage return is included for each customer class in the tables below. The Public Works Director shall have the authority to review the water consumption of any metered user of the wastewater system and to adjust the rate based on the average water consumption over a reasonable period of time:

## a. Commercial/School Wastewater Use (Percentage Wastewater Return = 85%):

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
0 to 50 HCF/Mo.	\$2.30	\$2.48
51 to 930 HCF/Mo.	\$2.88	\$3.10
Over 930 HCF/Mo.	\$5.75	\$6.20

## b. Restaurant Wastewater Use (Percentage Wastewater Return = 80%):

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
0 to 20 HCF/Mo.	\$2.30	\$2.48
21 to 160 HCF/Mo.	\$2.88	\$3.10
Over 160 HCF/Mo.	\$5.75	\$6.20

## c. Laundry / Laundromat Wastewater Use (Percentage Wastewater Return = 90%):

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
0 to 105 HCF/Mo.	\$2.30	\$2.48
106 to 525 HCF/Mo.	\$2.55	\$2.75
Over 525 HCF/Mo.	\$3.17	\$3.42

## 3. Non-Formula Users - Residential:

Residential wastewater service is deemed to begin when water service begins. Monthly residential user charges by type of dwelling units are as follows. The rate per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of water used is based on the assumption that a percentage of the water consumed is returned to the wastewater system. The applicable percentage differs based on customer class. The percentage return is included for each customer class in the tables below. The Public Works Director shall have the authority to review the water consumption of any metered user of the wastewater system and to adjust the rate based on the average water consumption over a reasonable period of time:

## a. Single Family Residential Wastewater Use (Percentage Wastewater Return = 80%):

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
0 to 9 HCF/Mo.	\$1.25	\$1.38
10 to 18 HCF/Mo.	\$1.39	\$1.53
Over 18 HCF/Mo.	\$1.94	\$2.14

- b. Single Family Residential Wastewater Use; Large Lots\* (Percentage Wastewater Return = 60%):

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
0 to 16 HCF/Mo.	\$1.25	\$1.38
17 to 25 HCF/Mo.	\$1.39	\$1.53
Over 25 HCF/Mo.	\$1.94	\$2.14

\* Lot size of over 7,000 square feet, not including the footprint of the house.

- c. Multi-Family, Multi-Unit Residential Wastewater Use (Percentage Wastewater Return = 90%):

Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
0 to 6 HCF/Mo.*	\$1.05	\$1.13
7 to 12 HCF/Mo.*	\$1.17	\$1.25
Over 12 HCF/Mo.*	\$1.63	\$1.75

\* Tiers for Multi-Family Residential wastewater rates are variable and are determined by multiplying each tier by the number of units.

#### 4. Monthly Base Rates

In addition to monthly rates based on water use (per HCF) as set forth above, the following customer classes shall pay a monthly meter rates:

Service	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Single Family	\$19.72	\$21.30
Multi-Family/Unit	Units 1-6: \$14.42 Units 7+: \$7.19	Units 1-6: \$15.57 Units 7+: \$7.77

#### 5. Minimum Monthly Fees

The following customer classes shall pay the greater of the applicable monthly rates set forth in the table below, or the monthly rates based on the actual water use (per HCF) as set forth above:

Service	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Commercial	\$13.10	\$14.15
Restaurant	\$12.15	\$13.12
Laundry	\$57.50	\$62.10
School	\$46.00	\$49.68

6. Monthly Security and Contamination Prevention Fee: Each customer shall pay a monthly security and contamination prevention fee as follows:

Service	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Security & Contamination Prevention Fee	\$0.65	\$0.65

7. Non-metered Water Users

Except as provided in subsection B3 for residential water users, other non-metered water users, including commercial and industrial users, shall pay a monthly rate as determined by the Public Works Director based upon the monthly rate charged a metered water user of comparable size and character of use, provided, however, that the minimum monthly charge shall be the same as that charged for a multiple dwelling family dwelling unit.

Service	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Non-Metered Customers	\$33.86	\$36.57

8. Wastewater System Rate for Wastewater Treated by Another Agency

Where wastewater is collected by the City and is accepted by another agency for transmission, treatment and disposal, the monthly wastewater rates shall be equal to the rate charged by such agency for transmission, treatment and disposal of such wastewater, anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding.

9. Additional Charges for Outside the City Users of City Wastewater System

Those outside the City users of the Las Posas sewer line shall be charged a monthly rate for wastewater service as follows. Wastewater service is deemed to begin when water service begins. The rate per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of water used is based on the assumption that 85 percent of the water consumed is returned to the wastewater system. The Public Works Director shall have the right to review the water consumption of any metered user of the wastewater system and to adjust the rate based on the average water consumption over a reasonable period of time:

- a. Monthly Rates for User Charge Formula – Outside City

Service	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Outside City – Residential	\$68.34	\$75.91
Outside City – Multi	\$45.80	\$50.36

## b. Monthly Rates for Las Posas Commercial/Institutional Wastewater Use

<b>Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2013</b>
0 to 50 HCF/Mo.	\$4.60	\$4.96
51 to 930 HCF/Mo.	\$5.76	\$6.20
Over 930 HCF/Mo.	\$11.50	\$12.40

## C. Industrial and Liquid Waste Sampling, Analysis and Flow Measurement

Dischargers whose wastewater charges are individually calculated using the Oxnard Formula shall be responsible for costs of required sampling, analysis and flow measurement associated therewith as provided in Chapter 19 of the Oxnard City Code. If sampling, analysis and flow data are not provided to the City as required, the Public Works Director shall cause monitoring to be performed or an estimate made to enable charges to be rendered. The discharger shall be billed for these extra costs.

## D. Charges for Unusual or Non-Compatible Wastewater

A charge for unusual or non-compatible waste constituents of such quality or character as to impose upon the City unusual operation and/or maintenance or capital costs whether or not related to total flow volume, biochemical oxygen demand, or suspended solids, shall be set by the Public Works Director and paid by the discharger. These charges shall be reasonably calculated to defray costs attributable to such wastes.

## E. Fee for Appeal

For each appeal to the City Council of a ruling by the Public Works Director a fee of \$100 will be charged.

## F. Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permits

The Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permits (permit) specified in Chapter 19 of the Oxnard City Code shall be granted for a specific time period, not to exceed five years. Application for permit and permit renewal shall be made in accordance with Chapter 19. All users classified as significant industrial wastewater users according to Chapter 19 shall be assessed a fee of \$2,500 per year per permit. All other industrial users shall be assessed a fee of \$100 per year per permit. In addition to the permit fee, new applicants for a permit shall be assessed a one time new application processing fee of \$100.

## G. Billing Procedure for Monthly Service Charge for Use of City Wastewater System

Bills shall be computed according to the rates then in effect and the number of days in the service period at each rate.

H. Automatic Inflation Adjustment. Pursuant to Government Code section 53756, the rates adopted herein shall automatically adjust for a 5 year period, for inflation in the cost of operating the city wastewater system. The inflation adjustment shall be the same percentage as the percentage change in the rates that the city pays to power providers that supply electricity and natural gas sources to power the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal systems, as those rates are applied in the Rate Study. Such adjustments shall be effective concurrent with the date of any adjustments in rates that the city pays to power providers that supply electricity and natural gas sources to power the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal systems.

Part 2. The provisions of this ordinance shall be applicable to all service provided or charges incurred on and after August 31, 2012. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2818 is repealed.

Part 3. If for any reason this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, the City Council intends that the ordinance provisions which would have been repealed by this ordinance shall remain in effect as if this ordinance had not been adopted.

Part 4. If for any reason any part of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, the City Council intends that the remaining parts of this ordinance remain in effect.

Part 5. Within fifteen days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City. Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ was first read on July 17, 2012, finally adopted on July 31, 2012, to become effective thirty (30) days thereafter.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_ day of July, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

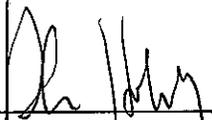
ABSENT:

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Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

(UNCODIFIED)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD  
READOPTING AND ESTABLISHING SOLID WASTE SYSTEM  
USER FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Oxnard to regulate solid waste collection and disposal of the City's solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Fund (Environmental Resources Division) is a self-supporting enterprise fund that depends on the revenues derived from services rendered for solid waste collection, processing, disposal and street sweeping; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2817 establishing solid waste system user fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department prepared an Environmental Resources Division Budget for fiscal years 2010-11, and 2012-13, dated July 19, 2011 (Budget) on file with the City Clerk, which establishes the basis for new and increased fees and charges set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department has developed a Cost of Service and Revenue Study (Rate Study), and prepared an associated Revenue Requirements, Cost of Service Allocations and Rate Design for the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Divisions Report, 2009, (Rate Study 2009), and a subsequent Rate Study Update for the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources Divisions Report, 2012 (Rate Study Update 2012). The Rate Study and report are based upon the Budget and the proportional cost of providing solid waste system service to the City's various customer classes, and provide a further basis for the rates and charges set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department -- Environmental Resources Division has updated its cost of service analysis and this ordinance reflects updated supplemental fees and charges for certain special collection services available upon request throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance includes provision for the automatic adjustment of rates based on changes in certain third party costs. The proposed rates displayed as effective beginning August 31, 2012, show the pre-authorized percentage rate increase applicable at the beginning of fiscal year 2012-2013. However, the actual rates effective August 31, 2012 may vary based on the implementation of any automatic rate adjustment resulting from changes in third party costs; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Section 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines provide that CEQA does not apply to the modification of public agency rates and other charges which the public agency finds are intended for certain purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does hereby find as follows:

1. The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the fees adopted herein are for the following purposes:
  - a. Meeting operating expenses, including the increased cost of solid waste disposal, and Public Works Department – Environmental Resources Section employee wages and fringe benefits; and
  - b. Purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment, and materials associated with the provision of solid waste system service; and
  - c. Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and
  - d. Obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain solid waste system service within the City service area, including repair and replacement of aging facilities, equipment and trucks, and retrofitting trucks with diesel exhaust particulate filters to meet increased regulatory emissions requirements, none of which expand the solid waste system.
2. The basis for the foregoing claim of exemption is found in the Budget and the Rate Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does ordain as follows:

Part 1. Monthly Rates

The fees, charges and rates set forth below shall be charged and collected for the use of and for the privileges and services relating to the Solid Waste System of the City of Oxnard.

**A. Residential dwellings**

Weekly residential service in dwellings not using mechanical front-end loaded containers:

<b>Customer</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2013</b>
Single family variable service (individually billed single and multiple unit dwellings that generate lesser amounts of waste, recyclables, and green waste or have medical disabilities that limit ability to maneuver larger containers (65 gallon refuse, 65 gallon recycle and 65 gallon green waste containers))	\$23.90	\$24.13
Single family standard service (individually billed single and multiple unit dwellings (65 or 95 gallon refuse, 95 gallon recycle, and 95 gallon green waste containers))	\$29.86	\$30.15
Jointly billed multiple-unit dwellings (such as apartments, duplexes, triplexes, boarding houses, mobile home parks, hotels or motels):		
First Unit	\$29.86	\$30.15
Second Unit	\$26.88	\$27.13
Third Unit	\$25.39	\$25.64
Each Unit in excess of three	\$23.90	\$24.13
Each Extra Container (Trash, Recycling, or Green Waste)	\$10.96	\$11.07

**B. Commercial and Industrial Users; Not Using Mechanical Front-End Loaded Containers**

1. Weekly collection service for commercial and industrial businesses not using mechanical front-end loaded containers:

<b>Customer</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2013</b>
One 95-gallon refuse container	\$41.87	\$42.29
Two 95-gallon refuse containers	\$73.24	\$73.96
Three 95-gallon refuse containers	\$94.14	\$95.07
Four 95-gallon refuse containers	\$115.05	\$116.19
Five 95-gallon refuse containers	\$135.96	\$137.30
Five 95-gallon refuse containers (2 collections per week)	\$237.88	\$240.23

2. Weekly recyclables and green waste collection service for commercial and industrial businesses not using mechanical front-end loaded containers:

Customer	Effective August 31, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
One 95-gallon refuse container	\$20.97	\$21.18

3. Weekly and daily refuse collection service for multiple unit dwellings and commercial and industrial businesses using mechanical front-end loaded containers:

Effective August 31, 2012	Rates / Collections Per Week					
	Container Size	1	2	3	4	5
2-cubic yard	\$127.97	\$223.95	\$287.92	\$351.90	\$415.90	\$479.88
2-cubic yard shared	\$63.98	\$111.97	\$143.98	\$175.96	\$207.95	\$239.95
2-cubic yard compactor	\$274.22	\$479.88	\$616.98	\$754.09	\$891.20	\$1,028.30
4-cubic yard	\$222.60	\$389.55	\$500.84	\$612.14	\$723.44	\$834.74
4-cubic yard shared	\$111.29	\$194.78	\$250.43	\$306.07	\$361.72	\$417.37
4-cubic yard compactor	\$448.43	\$784.74	\$1,008.95	\$1,233.16	\$1,457.37	\$1,681.58

Effective January 1, 2013	Rates / Collections Per Week					
	Container Size	1	2	3	4	5
2-cubic yard	\$129.23	\$226.18	\$290.77	\$355.39	\$420.02	\$484.63
2-cubic yard shared	\$64.62	\$113.08	\$145.40	\$177.70	\$210.01	\$242.32
2-cubic yard compactor	\$276.93	\$484.63	\$623.09	\$761.55	\$900.03	\$1,038.48
4-cubic yard	\$224.81	\$393.40	\$505.80	\$618.20	\$730.61	\$843.01
4-cubic yard shared	\$112.39	\$196.71	\$252.91	\$309.10	\$365.30	\$421.50
4-cubic yard compactor	\$452.87	\$792.51	\$1,018.94	\$1,245.37	\$1,471.80	\$1,698.23

Each container in excess of the regular service level on an established account	Solid Waste	Recyclables or Green Waste
2-cubic yard	\$56.50	\$28.25
4-cubic yard	\$98.50	\$49.25

4. Weekly and daily recyclables and green waste collection service for multiple unit dwellings and commercial and industrial businesses using mechanical front-end loaded containers:

<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>		<b>Rates / Collections Per Week</b>					
<b>Container Size</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
2-cubic yard	\$63.98	\$111.97	\$143.98	\$175.96	\$207.95	\$239.95	
2-cubic yard shared	\$31.99	\$55.98	\$71.98	\$87.97	\$103.97	\$119.96	
2-cubic yard compactor	\$137.11	\$239.95	\$308.49	\$377.05	\$445.60	\$514.15	
4-cubic yard	\$111.29	\$194.78	\$250.43	\$306.07	\$361.72	\$417.37	
4-cubic yard shared	\$55.65	\$97.38	\$125.22	\$153.04	\$180.87	\$208.68	
4-cubic yard compactor	\$224.21	\$392.37	\$504.48	\$616.58	\$728.41	\$840.80	

<b>Effective January 1, 2013</b>		<b>Rates / Collections Per Week</b>					
<b>Container Size</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
2-cubic yard	\$64.62	\$113.08	\$145.40	\$177.70	\$210.01	\$242.32	
2-cubic yard shared	\$32.30	\$56.54	\$72.70	\$88.84	\$105.00	\$121.15	
2-cubic yard compactor	\$138.47	\$242.32	\$311.55	\$380.79	\$450.01	\$519.24	
4-cubic yard	\$112.39	\$196.71	\$252.91	\$309.10	\$365.30	\$421.50	
4-cubic yard shared	\$56.20	\$98.35	\$126.46	\$154.55	\$182.66	\$210.74	
4-cubic yard compactor	\$226.43	\$396.26	\$509.48	\$622.69	\$735.62	\$849.13	

5. Per pickup charge for businesses regularly using roll-off containers. In addition to the fees for use of the container(s) presented below, the user shall pay all disposal fees. Minimum pickup is twice per month. If use is for less than one month, user shall pay a container rental fee of \$15.00 per day, plus all disposal fees:

<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>		
<b>Container Size</b>	<b>Charge per Refuse Pickup</b>	<b>Charge per Recyclables Or Green Waste Pickup</b>
10-cubic yard	\$151.58	\$75.79
13.4-cubic yard	\$151.58	\$75.79
20-cubic yard compactor	\$197.86	\$98.93
30-cubic yard	\$198.62	\$99.31
30-cubic yard compactor	\$224.76	\$112.37
(2) 30-cubic yard single pickup	\$381.56	\$190.78.
40-cubic yard compactor	\$277.02	\$138.51

**Effective January 1, 2013**

<b>Container Size</b>	<b>Charge per Refuse Pickup</b>	<b>Charge per Recyclables Or Green Waste Pickup</b>
10-cubic yard	\$153.08	\$76.54
13.4-cubic yard	\$153.08	\$76.54
20-cubic yard compactor	\$199.84	\$99.82
30-cubic yard	\$200.58	\$100.30
30-cubic yard compactor	\$226.98	\$113.49
(2) 30-cubic yard single pickup	\$385.34	\$192.67
40-cubic yard compactor	\$279.77	\$139.88

6. **Monthly Security and Contamination Fee:** In addition to any other applicable charges, each customer shall pay a monthly security and contamination prevention fee, per container in use, as follows:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Effective December 3, 2009</b>	<b>Effective July 1, 2010</b>
Security and Contamination Fee	\$0.00	\$0.12

7. **Walking Floor Transfer Trailer.** Each customer making use of a walking floor transfer trailer shall pay the following per pickup fee, along with all disposal charges:

<b>Container Size</b>	<b>Effective August 31, 2012</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2013</b>
Walking Floor Transfer Trailer	\$381.56	\$385.34

**Part 2. Special Collection Services and Fees**

Special collection services are available for each class of user or type of service upon request and dependent upon the availability of containers for service.

**A. Special Collection Services**

For large, bulk items that will not fit in a container, contact the Environmental Resources Division at (805) 385-8060 to request a special pick-up. A cost will be quoted according to size and quantity of items. The minimum charge will be \$35.00 in addition to the estimated weight charge. Charges will be placed on the next month's utility bill along with an administrative fee. Special collection debris includes refrigerators, sofas, washing machines, water heaters, furniture, accumulated materials, and other bulky items except for large commercial-type items.

**B. Mechanical Loading Special Services**

1. Commercial Size Special Service (2 and 4 cubic yards)

Commercial containers are available for special collection service. A delivery fee of \$15.00 shall be charged per container. Commercial container special services shall be provided at the following rates, not including the disposal fee, for a maximum of fourteen days, for an established account.

Container Size	Charge Per Refuse Pickup
2-cubic yard	\$50.00
4-cubic yard	\$75.00

2. Industrial Size Special Service (10 - 40 Yards)

Industrial-type containers are available for special collection service. A delivery fee of \$15.00 shall be charged per container. Industrial container special services shall be provided at the following rates for a maximum of seven days, for an established account. In addition, the user shall pay all disposal fees.

Container Size	Per Pickup Charge
10-yard	\$102.30
13.4-yard	\$102.30
30-yard	\$137.88
40-yard	\$172.35
(2) 30-yard	\$275.76

**C. Freon Extraction Fee**

Service	Per Unit
Residential Type Size (refrigerators and air conditioners)	\$20.00
Commercial Type Large Size	\$35.00

**D. Lost or Damaged (Burned) Container**

Service	Per Unit
Residential 95-gallon container	\$51.25
Residential 65-gallon container	\$47.35
Commercial 2-cubic yard	\$445.12
Commercial 4-cubic yard	\$542.80
Industrial 1-cubic yard	\$585.00
Industrial 13.4 cubic yard	\$635.00
Industrial 30-cubic yard	\$700.00
Industrial 4-cubic yard	\$750.00

**E. Tire Collection – Size**

Service	Per Unit Tire Charge
36-inches and under	\$5.00
36 to 60 inches	\$30.00
Over 60 inches	\$200.00

**F. Commercial Container Cleaning**

At the user’s request, the City will steam clean commercial containers of 2-cubic yard and 4-cubic yard sizes. The City will also steam clean commercial compactors. The City will pick up the container or compactor, steam clean the container or compactor at the City Yard, and return the container or compactor to the user location. The charge shall be:

Container Type & Size	Per Unit
Commercial 2-cubic yard	\$40.00
Commercial 4-cubic yard	\$60.00
Commercial Compactor	\$110.00
Trash Enclosures	\$110.00

**G. Commercial Container Security-Locking Device**

At the user’s request, the City will provide a security locking device for 2-cubic yard and 4-cubic yard containers. The fee shall be \$60.00 for each locking device per container, covering materials and installation.

**H. Commercial Container Casters**

A fee of \$20.00 per caster shall be charged to the user for a damaged caster on a 2-cubic yard container or a 4-cubic yard container.

**I. Industrial Container Casters**

A fee of \$30.00 per caster shall be charged to the user for a damaged caster on a 13.4-cubic yard container or a 30-cubic yard container.

**J. Change of Service Level**

A fee of \$5.00 shall be charged to the user for each request of a change of service level.

**K. Overweight Container**

A surcharge of 40% to the user's regular service shall be charged to the user for an overweight container in excess of the posted rate on the container.

**L. Return Truck Trip**

A fee of \$40.00 shall be charged to the user for each return trip due to a commercial or industrial container relocation, blocked access to the container, improper filling, contamination, or other causes that prevent the safe pickup of the container due to customer error or misuse.

**Part 3. Service Levels for Residential Automated Collections**

**A. Basic Levels**

Single-family dwelling units with individual curbside refuse pickup shall each receive a 95-gallon automated refuse container, a 95-gallon automated recycle container, and a 95-gallon automated green waste container that will be serviced weekly. Minimum service level shall be one 65-gallon automated refuse container, a 65-gallon automated recycle container, and a 65-gallon automated green waste container once per week.

**B. Service Above Basic Levels**

A special service collection fee of \$12.00 shall be charged for collection when requested by a resident for reasons not the fault of the collection personnel, including but not limited to: late set-out of container, overfilling of container, refuse in recycle container, refuse or recycled in green waste container, green waste in recycle container, or blocked access or other causes that prevent safe pickup.

**Part 4A. Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Charges for Regular Materials**

Except as otherwise provided by the City Council, the fees set forth below shall be charged and collected for the use of and for the privileges and services relating to use of the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station (DNRRTS) to process regular materials.

**A. By Weight**

Material	Per Ton Charge
Refuse	\$47.00 to \$70.00
Green waste	\$47.00 to \$70.00
Mixed recyclables	\$ 0.00 to \$30.00
Construction and demolition debris	\$50.00 to \$70.00

**B. By Load - Self-Haul Vehicle**

Material	Per Ton Charge
Refuse	\$25.00 to \$30.00 up to 1/2 ton
Refuse	Percentage of \$47.00 to \$70.00 per 1/2 ton or more

**Part 4B. DNRRTS Charges for Special Materials**

Except as otherwise provided by the City Council, the fees set forth below shall be charged and collected for the use of, and for the privileges and services relating to the use of, the DNRRTS to process special materials.

Material	Charge
Hard to handle or bulky items	\$100.00 per ton
Special handling	\$65.00 per ton
Special pull-offs	\$75.00 each plus disposal fee
Uncovered loads capable of producing litter	\$5.00/ton surcharge in addition to applicable charge for material disposal
Tires: less than 36-inches	\$5.00 each or \$100.00/ton
Tires: 36 inches to 60 inches	\$30.00 each
Tires: over 60 inches	\$200.00 each
Freon extraction (refrigerators and air conditioners)	\$20.00 each, plus disposal fee
Appliances	\$15.00 each

**Part 4C. DNRRTS Charges for Other Special Materials**

The actual cost shall be charged and collected for the use of and for the privileges and services relating to the use of the DNRRTS to process other special materials not listed in Part 4B. Except as otherwise provided by the City Council, such actual cost shall be based on the rate of \$60.00 per hour.

Part 4D. In addition to charges for regular materials in subsection A and B of Part 4A, the DNRRTS shall charge a host fee of \$2.00 per ton of solid waste collected outside Oxnard city limits and delivered to DNRRTS.

Part 4E. Administration Regulations

The City Manager or designee may adopt administrative regulations to implement this ordinance.

Part 5. Billing Procedure for Monthly Service Charge for Use of the City's Solid Waste System.

Bills for solid waste services shall be computed according to the rates then in effect and the number of days in the service period at each rate.

Part 6. Automatic Inflation Adjustment. Pursuant to Government Code section 53756, the rates adopted herein shall automatically adjust for inflation in the cost of operating the City's Solid Waste System. The inflation adjustment shall be the same percentage as the percentage change in the rates that the City pays to landfill operators for disposal of solid waste collected through the City's Solid Waste Disposal System, as those rates are applied in the Rate Study. Such adjustments shall be effective concurrent with the date of any adjustments in rates the City pays to landfill operators for disposal of solid waste collected through the City's Solid Waste Disposal System.

Part 7. The provisions of this ordinance shall be applicable to all solid waste services provided or charges incurred on and after August 31, 2012. Ordinance No. 2817 is repealed by this ordinance, effective August 31, 2012.

Part 8. If any term, condition or provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

Part 9. If for any reason this ordinance is held invalid or unable to be implemented according to its terms, the City Council intends that Ordinance No. 2817, which would have been repealed by this ordinance, shall remain in effect as if this ordinance had not been adopted.

Part 10. This ordinance shall be uncodified.

Part 11. Within fifteen days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated within the city. Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ was first read on July 17, 2012, and finally adopted on July 31, 2012, to become effective thirty (30) days thereafter.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 17th day of July, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

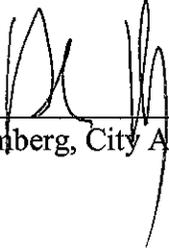
ABSENT:

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Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

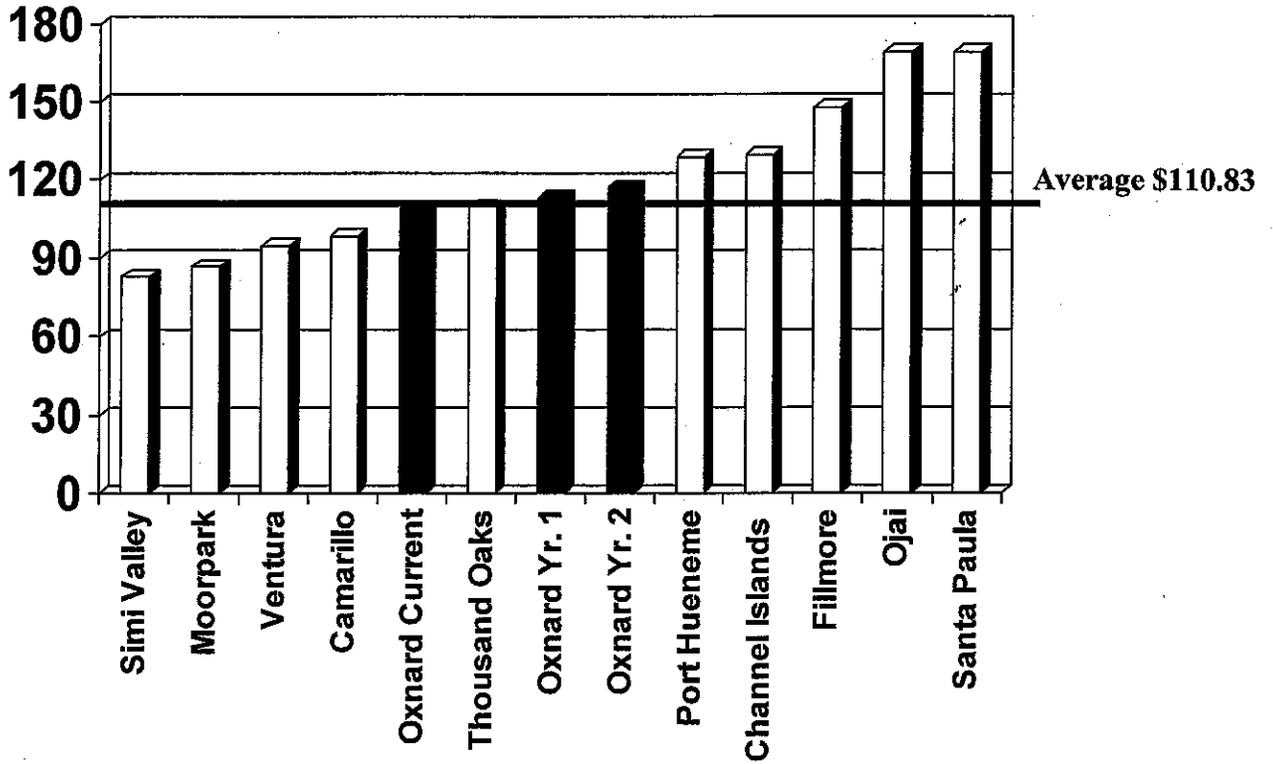
ATTEST:

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Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

# Combined Utility Rate Survey for Single Family Unit



Oxnard Current: \$108.78

Oxnard Year 1: \$114.11

Oxnard Year 2: \$117.13

Note: Many of these agencies are in the process of increasing rates during 2012