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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Ferguson
Interim Director, OPW

SUBJECT: 2021 Sewer Service Charge Increase
Based on Consumer Price Index

DATE: November 6, 2020

City Administrator

Date

Approval

Nov 9, 2020

INFORMATION

The purpose of this informational Memorandum is to announce that Oakland's Sewer Service Charge will be increased by 1.6 percent effective January 1, 2021. This planned, annual increase was approved in 2010 by the City Council and is based on the Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco Bay Area, compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau Labor Services.

The current monthly rate for a single-family residence is \$41.37 and will be increased to \$42.03. This reflects a 66 cents increase per month. The rates for all other users including multi-family residences, commercial, and industrial accounts will also be similarly increased. The City's Sewer Service Charge is collected by East Bay Municipal Utility District. An informational billing insert has been prepared and will be mailed to all residents with the first billing starting January 1, 2021.

This increase is needed to maintain operational service and capital improvements in the City's sewer collection system in order to meet regulatory requirements and to ensure that Oakland has a reliable sewer collection system for years to come. The regulatory requirements pertain to the Sewer Consent Decree requirements, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Requirements. The improvements will also result in a cleaner and healthier environment.

Respectfully submitted,

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