



# City of Coachella

## Sewer Charge Report

FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021  
PRELIMINARY SEWER CHARGE REPORT

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## ***I. OVERVIEW***

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### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The Coachella Sanitary District is a sanitary district duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1923, Part 1 of Division 6 of the California Health and Safety Code. On May 28, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Coachella Sanitary District (the “Board”) adopted Ordinance No. 5 establishing the sewer charge pursuant to Article XIID, section 6(a). The City Council adopted Chapter 4.10 of the Coachella Municipal Code imposing an annual charge for sewer service to each parcel in the City. On June 10, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. SD 2015-04 which approved the placement of the sewer charges on the Riverside County tax roll. On February 28, 2018, the Board approved Ordinance No. SD-06 adopting new or increased rates for its sewer charges commencing July 1, 2018.

Pursuant to section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code, this report is a yearly requirement, which contains a description of each parcel subject to the sewer charge and the amount of the charge for each parcel for the fiscal year. It shall be on file with the City Clerk of the City of Coachella and available for public inspection prior to the yearly noticed public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council may adopt a resolution confirming the sewer charges for the fiscal year.

## ***II. DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT***

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### **A. DISTRICT INFORMATION**

Currently, the City owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment plant. The District provides sewer service to approximately 7,000 customers. Monthly rates for sewer service charges charged to system users are the primary source of revenue to operate the sewer system. Sewer service charges fund costs related to system operations, maintenance, capital projects, debt service, administration, as well as costs related to prudent long-term operational or financial management of the utilities, such as maintaining adequate fund reserves and planning for contingencies. Revenues received from sewer service charges are used solely to fund the sewer enterprise.

The existing rates for sewer service charges are based on a comprehensive rate study prepared by an independent consultant. The City of Coachella will annually review revenues and expenditures for the sewer fund to ensure that sufficient and appropriate revenues are collected to effectively provide for the short and long-term sewer service needs of the community. Any new or increased charges above the previously approved rates and levied by City Council are subject to the procedural requirements of Article XIID.

### III. ANNUAL CHARGE

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#### A. CALCULATION OF SEWER CHARGE

Each single family residential parcel in the City that receives sewer service shall each year pay the City a charge to fund operation, maintenance, and capital costs associated with the city's sewer system. This Sewer Charge shall remain in effect until repealed or modified by Ordinance of the City Council.

The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 charges for each customer class are as follows:

Class	Number of Units	Monthly Charge per Unit
Single Family Residential	1	\$47.83

This land use is assessed 1.0 unit per lot or parcel. Each parcel's customer class is determined by its assigned land use code per the records of the County of Riverside. The sewer service charge imposed on single family property is applied to and collected annually on the County property tax bill.

#### B. PRELIMINARY LEVY 2020/2021

The following table shows the preliminary number of parcels that can be levied along with the preliminary levy amount for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

District	Number of Parcels Levied	2020/2021 Preliminary Levy
Sewer Charge Ordinance	6,544	\$3,755,994.24

For Fiscal Year 2020/2021, 6,544 parcels are currently eligible for the sewer service charge for a total preliminary levy amount of \$3,755,994.24. The rates in effect for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 are 4.0% higher than the rates for Fiscal Year 2019/2020, as authorized under Ordinance No. SD-06.

#### C. PRELIMINARY SEWER CHARGE ROLL

The following pages show the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 preliminary sewer charge roll.