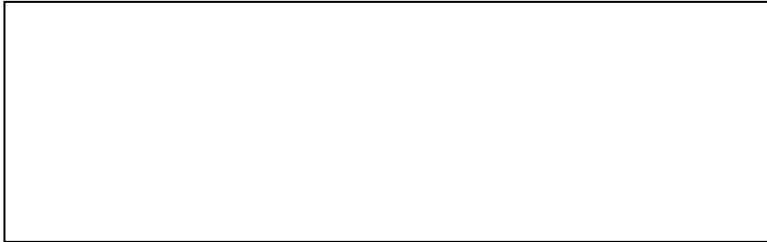




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NOTICE OF WATER AND SEWER PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE ADJUSTMENTS
 July 1, 2020 Arcata City Hall, meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. www.cityofarcata.org



Important information about your WATER and WASTEWATER account!



Notice of Public Meetings and Hearing Regarding Proposed
 2020-2025 Rate Adjustments for Water and Sewer (Wastewater)

Rate Adjustments are being delayed due to COVID-19
Financial impacts on Arcata customers

Public Hearing: July 1, 2020 Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. at <https://arcataca.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>
Due to COVID-19, up-to-date public participation options will be posted on the meeting agenda.

Arcata residents are encouraged to attend the public hearing for an opportunity to learn the details and comment on the proposed 5-year rate changes. Prior to recommending rate adjustments, city staff evaluated the cost to operate the water and wastewater systems. The City hired an independent financial advisor firm, Bartle Wells Associates, to conduct a rate study in 2020. The proposed rates are derived from the rate study that reviewed cost of service over the next 5-years and includes capital repairs, replacements and new construction of critical projects. The primary need for wastewater rate increases is to fund the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project and debt service on state loans for the project. If approved, the water rate adjustments will commence on September 1, 2020 and the wastewater rate adjustments will commence on January 1, 2021.

What do water and sewer rates fund?

The City provides water and sewer services to over 6,200 customers (residential and commercial). The Water and Sewer utilities must be financially self-sufficient. Monthly rates paid by users of each system are the primary sources of revenue to fund those operations. All revenue generated from your utility bills is used to maintain and operate the water and sewer systems; it is not used for other general governmental purposes. These revenues must meet costs such as purchased raw water, electricity, treatment, maintenance, capital improvements and City utility staff.

You Can Be Heard

Under Proposition 218, if you object to the proposed rates, you may file a written protest with the City at, or before, the time set for the public hearing. A valid protest must contain a description of the property (such as address or assessor's parcel number), the name, signature, address and phone number of the signer(s) and your statement of the specific rate changes for which you protest the increase in the fee. Written protests may be submitted by mail or delivered in person to: City of Arcata, Environmental Services Department, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521. One written protest will be counted for each parcel that is mandated to comply with the proposed rates. If there is a majority protest filed from affected properties, the proposed rate changes will not be imposed. For more information visit: <https://www.cityofarcata.org/325/WaterWastewater> or call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184.

Water Rates - Summary

| Water Charges 2020-2025 <i>FY 2020/21 to be implemented September 1, 2020</i> | 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2024/2025 |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Current Bill | Proposed Bill | Proposed Bill | Proposed Bill | Proposed Bill | Proposed Bill |
| Average Monthly Water | \$ 28.07 | \$38.48 | \$39.06 | \$39.63 | \$40.25 | \$40.83 |
| Avg. Outside City Water | \$ 41.54 | \$44.25 | \$44.90 | \$45.57 | \$46.28 | \$46.95 |

Proposed bills are estimated for the 5-year period for an average household using 400 cu.ft. per month

Water Rate Details: proposed implementation date of September 1, 2020

| Meter Size or Description | 2019/2020 Current | 2020/2021 Proposed | 2021/2022 Proposed | 2022/2023 Proposed | 2023/2024 Proposed | 2024/2025 Proposed |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Water Rates for meters Inside the City of Arcata Limits - monthly | | | | | | |
| 5/8" and 3/4" | \$13.76 | \$11.52 | \$11.70 | \$11.87 | \$12.05 | \$12.23 |
| 1" | \$30.09 | \$19.24 | \$19.53 | \$19.83 | \$20.12 | \$20.43 |
| 1 1/2" | \$41.47 | \$38.37 | \$38.95 | \$39.53 | \$40.13 | \$40.73 |
| 2" | \$51.74 | \$61.42 | \$62.34 | \$63.28 | \$64.23 | \$65.19 |
| 3" | \$298.57 | \$115.24 | \$116.97 | \$118.72 | \$120.50 | \$122.31 |
| 4" | \$377.07 | \$192.10 | \$194.98 | \$197.91 | \$200.87 | \$203.89 |
| 6" | \$530.88 | \$384.08 | \$389.85 | \$395.69 | \$401.63 | \$407.65 |
| 8" | \$741.79 | \$614.56 | \$623.78 | \$633.13 | \$642.63 | \$652.27 |
| 10" | \$889.81 | \$883.52 | \$896.77 | \$910.22 | \$923.88 | \$937.74 |
| Water Rates- Consumption, Inside the City of Arcata Limits per 100 cu.ft. | | | | | | |
| 0-300 cubic feet | \$3.51 | \$6.74 | \$6.84 | \$6.94 | \$7.05 | \$7.15 |
| 301-400 cubic feet | \$3.78 | \$6.74 | \$6.84 | \$6.94 | \$7.05 | \$7.15 |
| 401 & up: cubic feet | \$7.40 | \$6.74 | \$6.84 | \$6.94 | \$7.05 | \$7.15 |
| Non-Residential | \$7.40 | \$6.74 | \$6.84 | \$6.94 | \$7.05 | \$7.15 |
| Water Rates for Meters Outside the City of Arcata Limits - monthly | | | | | | |
| 5/8" and 3/4" | \$26.50 | \$17.29 | \$17.54 | \$17.81 | \$18.08 | \$18.35 |
| 1" | \$46.54 | \$28.87 | \$29.30 | \$29.74 | \$30.19 | \$30.64 |
| 1 1/2" | \$59.46 | \$57.56 | \$58.42 | \$59.30 | \$60.19 | \$61.09 |
| 2" | \$78.23 | \$92.13 | \$93.51 | \$94.92 | \$96.34 | \$97.79 |
| 3" | \$398.09 | \$172.86 | \$175.45 | \$178.08 | \$180.75 | \$183.46 |
| 4" | \$530.88 | \$288.15 | \$292.47 | \$296.86 | \$301.31 | \$305.83 |
| 6" | \$716.69 | \$576.13 | \$584.77 | \$593.54 | \$602.44 | \$611.48 |
| 8" | \$941.49 | \$921.84 | \$935.66 | \$949.70 | \$963.94 | \$978.40 |
| 10" | \$1,084.50 | \$1,325.28 | \$1,345.16 | \$1,365.34 | \$1,385.82 | \$1,406.60 |
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| Wastewater Bills 2020-2025 | 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2024/2025 |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>2020/21 increase to be implemented January 1, 2021</i> | Current¹ Rate | 10% Rate Increase | 10% Rate Increase | 10% Rate Increase | 8% Rate Increase | 8% Rate Increase |
| Average | \$49.62 | \$54.99 | \$60.49 | \$66.54 | \$73.19 | \$80.51 |

Bills are estimated for the 5-year period for an average household using 400 cu.ft. per month

Wastewater Rate Details: proposed implementation date of January 1, 2021

| Meter Size or Description | 2019/2020 Current | 2020/2021 Proposed 10% Increase | 2021/2022 Proposed 10% Increase | 2022/2023 Proposed 10% Increase | 2023/2024 Proposed 8% Increase | 2024/2025 Proposed 8% Increase |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Residential Wastewater - Base | \$49.62 | \$54.99 | \$60.49 | \$66.54 | \$73.19 | \$80.51 |
| Residential Wastewater - Consumption per 100cu.ft in excess of 400 cu.ft. | \$7.62 | \$8.19 | \$9.01 | \$9.91 | \$10.90 | \$11.99 |
| Low Strength Commercial WW- Base | \$51.40 | \$57.43 | \$63.17 | \$69.49 | \$76.44 | \$84.08 |
| Low Strength Commercial WW - per 100cu.ft in excess of 400 cu.ft. | \$7.08 | \$7.08 | \$7.79 | \$8.57 | \$9.43 | \$10.37 |
| Medium Strength Comm. WW- Base | \$51.40 | \$57.43 | \$63.17 | \$69.49 | \$76.44 | \$84.08 |
| Medium Strength Commercial WW - Consumption per 100cu.ft in excess of 400 cu.ft. | \$8.33 | \$8.53 | \$9.38 | \$10.32 | \$11.35 | \$12.48 |
| High Strength Commercial WW- Base | \$51.40 | \$57.43 | \$63.17 | \$69.49 | \$76.44 | \$84.08 |
| High Strength Commercial WW - Consumption per 100cu.ft in excess of 400 cu.ft. | \$13.74 | \$14.87 | \$16.35 | \$17.99 | \$19.79 | \$21.76 |
| Significant Commercial Unit Rate* per 100 cu.ft. sewer flow | | \$2.57 | \$2.83 | \$3.11 | \$3.42 | \$3.69 |
| Significant Commercial Unit Rate* per lb. bio oxygen demand | | \$1.39 | \$1.53 | \$1.69 | \$1.85 | \$2.00 |
| Significant Commercial Unit Rate* per lb. total suspended solids | | \$1.39 | \$1.53 | \$1.69 | \$1.85 | \$2.00 |

* Significant Commercial User = Discharges above 700 ppm/ BOD and/or TSS

¹Existing sewer repair fee of \$5.00 per month per account concludes January 1, 2023.

How Arcata's Proposed Water and Sewer Bills Compare

| Water /Sewer Combined Inside City for four (4) units of water | Monthly |
|---|----------|
| Arcata | \$93.47 |
| Crescent City | \$94.70 |
| Eureka | \$94.91 |
| Fortuna | \$63.69 |
| Fort Bragg | \$104.79 |
| Humboldt CSD | \$86.54 |
| McKinleyville | \$67.86 |
| Ukiah | \$122.97 |
| Willits | \$124.57 |

How to Learn More

The City will be holding two informational meetings for residents and businesses to learn about the proposed rates. We encourage you to attend. Your input is important!

Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm or
Tuesday, June 2nd at 10:30am

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Call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 for more information.

The Bartle Wells Rate Study can be viewed at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/325/WaterWastewater>



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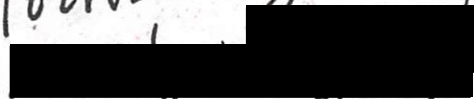
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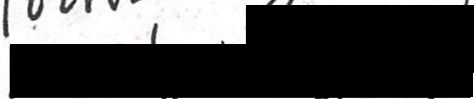
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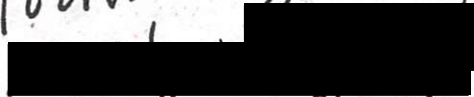
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We are also concerned regarding the Notice of Public Hearing that is scheduled for July 1, 2020. Due to the current social distancing regulations this is inappropriate as it will be impossible for the public to attend en masse and have a voice. Any attempt at an online meeting will, as I'm sure you're aware, limit your audience to those who have adequate access to technology; access that is not a given in a county as economically fragile as ours. Your role, as a provider of necessary utilities, should start with the best interests of the community. The proposed water increase and the scheduling of a public meeting during this COVID-19 time is unjust and disregards your voting constituents. We, along with many others, ask that you postpone both this meeting and the rate increase indefinitely until such time as public gathering restrictions have been significantly lifted.

Regards,

Elizabeth & Andrew Fogg

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City of Arcata
Environmental Services Department
736 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521

RE: Potential Water and Sewer Rate Increase
Inappropriate Notice of Public Hearing July 1, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today, as a concerned citizen, in regard to the letter my household received regarding the Potential Water and Sewer Rate Increase and the Notice of Public Hearing July 1, 2020.

I am expressing my discontent and concern over these potential rate increases, especially during this dramatic, drastic and changed landscape we are all living in due to COVID-19 crisis and the shutdown of our economy.

As you know many people have been laid off and forced to apply for unemployment benefits, others may be working minimally and now have tighter budget than 3 months ago. Many businesses are struggling and are closing their doors, as some plaza businesses have already announced. This is an inappropriate time to increase fees for your citizens due to external hardships.

I am also writing today to deeply express my concerns regarding the Notice of Public Hearing that is scheduled for July 1, 2020. I feel this is simply not accessible for MANY of the community members due to Shelter-in-Place. Families have children they cannot find babysitters in order to attend this meeting, as we are Sheltered-in-Place. Many people are essential workers and cannot make this meeting.

I assume your reply would be, "We are hosting a Zoom meeting.". This is also completely inappropriate as a means of hosting such a significant public hearing, as MANY of your citizens do not have computers, do not have internet etc. This is just one additional reason I feel your meeting is unjust being held July 1, 2020.

There are numerous reasons people cannot make this meeting and it should be postponed at least until 2021 due to COVID-19 crisis.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Sincerely (An Extremely Concerned Citizen),

[REDACTED]

Amanda Mollberg
[REDACTED] Nicolos Drive
Arcata, CA 95521

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May 22, 2020

Dear City of Arcata,

This letter is in response to your proposed water and sewer rate increases.

We pay rent at four locations in Arcata. We own two residence and we rent two commercial spaces.

We will be submitting four separate letters.

This particular letter is on behalf of Alchemy Distillery at 324 South G Street in Arcata. Our distillery has rented this space since September 2019. We took over the space the day it was empty as to not provide a hardship for our landlord.

We are prepared to build a tasting room in this space. We have a \$ [REDACTED] loan for this remodel we have been making monthly payments on for three months now while we wait for our plans to be approved by the building dept.

In addition to paying rent and loan months before construction even begins, COVID 19 has been an additional hardship for us.

This is a very difficult time to be learning of proposed rate increases.

We are protesting ALL water and sewer rate increases at this time. Perhaps you can table this until our economy recovers a bit? As we write this we are in a "shelter in place" after all.

In lieu of postponing the rate increases altogether, we think it is a reasonable request to postpone your public meeting and hearing until public gatherings are deemed safe again. Community members deserve to be able to show up in person to listen to the information being shared and make a comment if they choose to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Amy Bohner Steve Bohner

707.822.[REDACTED]



Alchemy Construction Incorporated
PO Box 4154
Arcata, CA 95518
707-822-8013
Lic. # 751437

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This particular letter is on behalf of our rental at [REDACTED] South G Street in Arcata. Our construction company has rented this space since 2003. Our distillery was also started here in 2015.

Our construction co. doesn't use much water here. We simply have a bathroom. Our distillery on the other hand uses a lot of water!

This is a very difficult time to be learning of proposed rate increases.

As you may know we have spent 2+ months making sanitizer to donate to our community. The city generously offered to pay a portion of our water bill towards our efforts which was much appreciated. And yet it has still been difficult spending money instead of bringing it in for months. We have scrambled and used savings but have paid our rent and bills on time.

We have no choice but to protest ALL water and sewer rate increases at this time. Perhaps you can table this until our economy recovers a bit? As we write this we are in a "shelter in place" after all.

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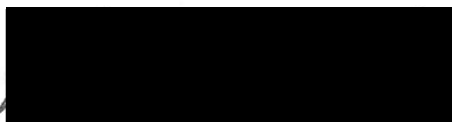
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Dear City of Arcata Council Members and Environmental Services Staff,

I received my notification from the City of Arcata regarding the proposed 2020-2025 rate increases for water and wastewater and am submitting a written protest, specifically in regard to the proposed increase in sewer rates. After reviewing the presentation by Bartle Wells Associates from March 18, 2020, I am concerned by the proposed 5-year price tag of \$81,633,000 and the related SRF loan of \$55,242,302, which rate payers will be asked to start paying on in 2022 and significantly increasing through 2025. I want to see what a proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Cost and subsequent SRF loan cost would be if Arcata were to upgrade our current natural system for treating wastewater rather than bypassing the use of the Enhancement Marshes through the building of a new wastewater treatment process as is proposed in the 81.5 million dollar Capital Improvement Plan.

It is my understanding that because of Arcata's use of Enhancement Marshes as an integral part of our wastewater treatment process, this has played a factor in keeping Arcata's sewer rates lower than other comparable municipalities. If Arcata can continue with the natural treatment system for our wastewater, which we are world-renowned for, and potentially do so at a lower cost to the users, then I think it is imperative for the City to consider this as an option.

Sincerely,



Laura Albright
 Shirley Blvd
Arcata, CA
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City of Arcata et al,

Please do not move forward with your proposed water bill increases at this time. Myself, and virtually everyone I know, has been tremendously impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; we are all scrambling to make ends meet after the unemployment, cut wages and reduced salaries of this crisis, and aren't even sure we can pay the bills we have.

Please do not add to this burden and stress with these bill increases, and help us all by being generous and understanding through this incredibly unstable and difficult time. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Cory Myers & RAMA RAWAL

4th St. unit

Arcata CA 95521

(619) 402-

P.S. Perhaps you could find alternate funding through grants and fundraisers to ease the burden on the water customers.

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May 22, 2020

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This letter is in response to your proposed water and sewer rate increases.

We pay rent at four locations in Arcata. We own two residence and we rent two commercial spaces.

We will be submitting four separate letters.

This particular letter is on behalf of our residence at [REDACTED] **Grotzman Road**. We purchased this home in 2003. We do not have a home number. Our best contact is 707-822-[REDACTED]

This home is a rental for a wonderful family. Their water is well but they are on city sewer and we as landlords pay that bill. We also pay three other sewer bills and two other water bills in the city as mentioned above.

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To:

City of Arcata
Environmental Services Department
736 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521

From:

Susanna Gallisdorfer
[REDACTED] 11th Street
Arcata, CA
707-496-[REDACTED]

Re:

Rate Adjustment

June 5, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I live at and own the property at the above address. I can understand the City's need for the water rate adjustment. I appreciate and am grateful for the oxidation plus new methods for treating wastewater.

For its necessity I support this rate adjustment and its benefits, however as an Elder living on a fixed low income already consuming frugally, a 10% increase or any increase for water as an absolute necessity, is adding yet another hardship as all bills are increasing and income is not.

Suggestion: Could there be a discount for low income or low consumption?

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Susanna Gallisdorfer

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[REDACTED] J Street

Arcata, CA 95521

May 26, 2020

City of Arcata

Department of Environmental Services

736 F Street

Arcata, CA 95521

Re APN# 021-[REDACTED] JDVT, LLC Sara M. Turner, Manager & Major
Stockholder ←

Re: APN #020-[REDACTED] [REDACTED] J Street, Arcata, CA Owner

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed tax increase for water users in this area. I assume that this will represent TWO votes.

[REDACTED]
Sara M. Turner

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June 3, 2020

City of Arcata
Environmental Services Department
736 F Street
Arcata CA 95521

RE: Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments

I am writing to strongly oppose any rate increases in the wastewater and/or water rates that I pay for service. As a senior citizen on a limited income, it is unreasonable to expect taxpayers in this area to continually be asked to increase costs when there appears so much wasteful use of our monies.

Increasing this essential expense will harm many residents on strict budgets, especially in this time of the hardships created by the Covid-19 restrictions. Jobs and incomes have been severely curtailed; adding more expenses to homeowners at this time is irresponsible.

I urge you to delay this proposed water and wastewater adjustment.

Thank you.

[Redacted signature area]

Jan O'Neill
street: [Redacted] Old Arcata Road, Bayside 95524
mail: P O Box [Redacted], Bayside 95524
707-826-[Redacted]

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Per Bob

Susan & Bob McPherson
PO Box [REDACTED]
Bayside, CA 95524
16 June, 2020

City of Arcata
Environmental Services Department
736 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521

To Whom It May Concern:

We find the City of Arcata's request for a water rate increase to be very **ill-timed** in light of the COVID-19 pandemic in our county, country and the world right now. With the closing of many businesses and people out of work during this shelter-in-place time, we see no way the citizens can now afford this hefty water rate increase in light of their losing their jobs and livelihoods. Our neighbor to the north who has a daycare had to shut down and the neighbor to the south is now on part-time as head of household, for examples.

Furthermore, we find the projected increases to be **exorbitant** at 46% in 5 years. Trying to fix decades of deferred maintenance on the backs of the already weakened public is wrong-headed and disgusting. Rather than ask for more money, it would be prudent to examine your business practices, such as your having sent us four (4) letters announcing this upcoming meeting, and cut costs while achieving the same goal with higher efficiency. Let some staff go as other entities have had to do.

Our address is [REDACTED] Old Arcata Road, our APN is 500-[REDACTED]-[REDACTED] and our telephone number is (707) 822-[REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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█ J Street
Arcata, CA 95521

May 26, 2020

City of Arcata

Department of Environmental Services

736 F Street

Arcata, CA 95521

Re APN# 021-█ █ JDVT, LLC Sara M. Turner, Manager & Major
Stockholder

Re: APN #020-█ █ J Street, Arcata, CA Owner ←

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed tax increase for water users in this area. I assume that this will represent TWO votes.

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Sara M. Turner

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Per Bell

From: Regina Glock
P.O.Box [REDACTED]
Bayside, Ca. 95524
June 18, 2020

To: City of Arcata
Environmental Services Dept.
736 F Street
Arcata, Ca. 95521

To Whom It May Concern:

I find the rate increase for water and wastewater at this time to be inappropriate for myself and our community. I am a retiree sheltered in place and expenses have increased but not income. I am having to use my savings to meet existing utility increases, healthcare and food. Maybe in a year when the economy hopefully bounces back so costs will not be as high it would then be a better time. I also use my water for gardening and growing food and feel the wastewater is already too high and should be calculated on what actually goes into the sewer not calculated on input of water. Therefore I vote no on the increase.

My suggestions are to decrease staff, borrow from the City general budget, apply for grants, brainstorm with other cities how they fund improvements. These are just a few. I realize the improvements are needed but hope the city will try to find a solution with less impact on homeowners in our community.

My physical address is [REDACTED] Golf Course Road, my APN#: 500-[REDACTED]. My telephone number is 822-[REDACTED] and email is [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Gina Glock

[REDACTED]

June 1, 2020

Arcata City Council

Re: June 2nd Meeting
Water Rate Increase Item

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Per Bell

I contacted you before the last meeting involving the increase and shared the concern about raising rates when a pandemic is affecting people and businesses. The virus is not gone. I understand that the wastewater treatment equipment must be upgraded, but I thought that was the reason for the annual "multiplication" of our bills instead of the occasional one-time increase that we received in the past. This still appears to be a hardship for the citizens of Arcata.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]
Mrs. James (Joyce) Harmon
[REDACTED] Wisteria Way
Arcata, CA 95521

(707) 822-[REDACTED]

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Per Bell

May 22, 2020

Dear City of Arcata,

This letter is in response to your proposed water and sewer rate increases.

We pay rent at four locations in Arcata. We own two residence and we rent two commercial spaces.

We will be submitting four separate letters.

This particular letter is on behalf of our residence at [REDACTED] **Plunkett Road in Bayside, CA**. We purchased this home in June 2019. We do not have a home number. Our best contact is 707-822-[REDACTED].

We have made a home in Humboldt since attending HSU in the 90s. We started once business here in 1998 and another in 2015. We have been proud to live and work in Arcata and were doing okay financially until COVID 19 hit.

This is a very difficult time to be learning of proposed rate increases.

We have no choice but to protest ALL water and sewer rate increases at this time. Perhaps you can table this until our economy recovers a bit? As we write this we are in a "shelter in place" after all.

In lieu of postponing the rate increases altogether, we think it is a reasonable request to postpone your public meeting and hearing until public gatherings are deemed safe again. Community members deserve to be able to show up in person to listen to the information being shared and make a comment if they choose to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Amy Bohner Steve Bohner