



Notification of Proposed Changes to the Billing Methodology for Non-Residential Sewers Users

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) is proposing a modification to the sewer user fee billing methodology for Multi-Family, Commercial, and Industrial user classes. The proposed modification would base the sewer user bill on actual water usage rather than water usage during the winter months, otherwise known as the Winter Quarter Average. The proposed change WILL NOT impact the Winter Quarter Average methodology for residential class.

The Winter Quarter Average billing methodology calculates sewer billing based on the water usage during the winter months of December, January, and February. Winter water usage is typically lower as it is less impacted by outdoor water use, such as filling swimming pools and heavy use of outside irrigation. Winter Quarter Averaging is more applicable to Residential sewer users, and less so for Multi-Family and Commercial/Industrial users. Non-residential users typically have an irrigation meter for outdoor water use; therefore, the majority of water utilized is discharged into the sewer system. Additionally, many businesses have reduced operations during the winter holiday months, resulting in lower winter water usage and a reduction in the amount they are billed throughout the remainder of the year. The Winter Quarter Average method of billing for Multi-family and Commercial/Industrial users is not in-line with their actual usage of the sewer system.

Those that will be impacted by the change are being notified via an outreach letter. In addition, RWRD is extending an opportunity for Multi-Family, Commercial, and Industrial user customers impacted to hear a presentation and ask questions and/or comment on the proposed modification at the two public meetings:

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| <p>•Date: Monday, September 24, 2018, at 6:00 PM</p> <p>Location: Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department 3500 W. River Road 1st Floor Conference Room Tucson, Arizona</p> | <p>•Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 8:00 AM</p> <p>Location: Pima County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room 130 W. Congress, 1st Floor Tucson, Arizona</p> |
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There will also be a final opportunity to comment on the proposed modification during the Public Hearing at the Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting. It is anticipated that the Pima County Board of Supervisors will schedule this proposed modification for consideration at the scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

If you would like more information, please contact Veronica Lopez at (520) 724-6561 or via email at Veronica.Lopez@pima.gov.