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NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS

The City of Thousand Oaks is proposing to adjust the water and wastewater utility service rates, which would go into effect, for water, March of 2022 and January of 2023, and for Wastewater, July of 2022 and July of 2023. The proposed rates are based on the City's 2022 Water and Wastewater Financial Plan Updates and Water Cost of Service Study which determined the rate adjustments necessary to pay for utility services, including the cost of imported water, and operating, maintenance, and capital expenses. Complete information on current rates and the 2022 Financial Plans and Water Cost of Service Study can be found on the City's website www.toaks.org/utilityrates.

WATER: The average residential City of Thousand Oaks water customer, using 16 hundred cubic feet (hcf) (1 hcf = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons) of water per month with no pumping lift charges, will see a water bill increase of \$1.49 (1.3%) per month in March 2022 and \$4.59 (4.1%) per month in January 2023. Note that adjustments vary more significantly in 2022 due to the impacts of the updated water cost of service analysis conducted as part of this rate update.

Table 1: Proposed Water Meter Base Rates (per month) - All Users

Meter Size	Current	Proposed March 2022	Adjustment (from current)		Proposed Jan. 2023	Adjustment (from 2022)	
5/8 or 3/4-Inch	\$26.09	\$26.50	\$0.41	1.6%	\$26.77	\$0.27	1%
1-Inch	\$41.18	\$41.54	\$0.36	0.9%	\$41.96	\$0.42	1%
1 ½-Inch	\$78.89	\$79.13	\$0.24	0.3%	\$79.93	\$0.80	1%
2-Inch	\$124.14	\$124.24	\$0.10	0.1%	\$125.49	\$1.25	1%
3-Inch	\$267.44	\$267.08	(\$0.36)	-0.1%	\$269.76	\$2.68	1%
4-Inch	\$478.61	\$477.59	(\$1.02)	-0.2%	\$482.37	\$4.78	1%
6-Inch	\$983.92	\$981.30	(\$2.62)	-0.3%	\$991.12	\$9.82	1%
Construction	\$802.32	\$267.08	(\$535.24)	-66.6%	\$269.76	\$2.68	1%

Table 2: Quantity Rate per 100 cubic feet (one unit) Single Family Residential (per month). Includes pass-through

Tier Width	Current	Proposed Mar. 2022	Adjustment from current		Proposed Jan. 2023	Adjustment from 2022	
Tier 1 (0-12 units)	\$5.24	\$5.25	\$0.01	0.2%	\$5.52	\$0.27	5.2%
Tier 2 (13-30 units)	\$5.58	\$5.82	\$0.24	4.3%	\$6.09	\$0.27	4.7%
Tier 3 (31+ units)	\$6.00	\$6.15	\$0.15	2.5%	\$6.42	\$0.27	4.4%
Pumping Lift (per lift)	\$0.22	\$0.40	\$0.18	81.8%	\$0.41	\$0.01	2.5%

Table 3: Quantity Rate per 100 cubic feet (one unit) Non-Single Family Residential Customers. Includes pass-through							
	Current Rate	Proposed March 2022	Adjustment from current		Proposed January 2023	Adjustment from 2022	
Commercial, Irrigation and Multi-Family Residential	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$0.00	0.0%	\$5.87	\$0.27	4.8%
Groundwater	\$2.24	\$5.60	\$3.36	150.0%	\$5.87	\$0.27	4.8%
Construction	\$13.16	\$6.15	(\$7.01)	-53.3%	\$6.42	\$0.27	4.4%

Table 4: Monthly Non-Metered Private Fire Line Fixed Charges: (i.e., automatic fire sprinklers or private fire hydrants)							
Fire Line Size	Current Rate	Proposed March 2022	Proposed January 2023	Fire Line Size	Current Rate	Proposed March 2022	Proposed January 2023
≤ 2"	\$7.60	\$2.24	\$2.27	8"	\$30.30	\$85.64	\$86.50
3"	\$11.40	\$6.50	\$6.57	10"	\$37.90	\$154.00	\$155.54
4"	\$15.20	\$13.84	\$13.98	12"	\$45.50	\$248.76	\$251.25
6"	\$22.70	\$40.19	\$40.60				

PASS-THROUGH OF PURCHASED WATER INCREASES. The City purchases all of its water from the Calleguas Municipal Water District. The costs of imported water are passed-through to customers and recovered through the City’s water usage rates. Future increases in rates for imported water are anticipated. The City is proposing to pass-through to customers, for a five-year period, any future increases in Calleguas’ rates. If approved, beginning March 1, 2022, and thereafter for a five-year period, the City’s commodity rates may be increased due to any Calleguas rate increases; provided, however, any pass-through increase may not exceed 10% per year and may not exceed the costs of providing water service. The City will provide written notice of any pass-through cost increases to customers not less than 30 days prior to the effective date.

WASTEWATER: The average residential City of Thousand Oaks wastewater customer, located inside City limits, will see a wastewater bill increase of \$0.90 (3.0%) per month, effective July 2022 and \$0.93 (3.0%) per month in July 2023. Table 6 shows the current and proposed rate adjustments per service unit (1 service unit = 1 single family residential unit = 1 equivalent residential unit).

Table 5: Proposed Wastewater Adjustments (per month and per service unit) *							
	Current Rate (per service unit)	Proposed July 2022	Adjustment (From Current)		Proposed July 2023	Adjustment (From 2022)	
Inside City	\$29.95	\$30.85	\$0.90	3.0%	\$31.78	\$0.93	3.0%
Outside City	\$30.26	\$31.29	\$1.03	3.4%	\$32.22	\$0.93	3.0%

*Commercial rates are based on equivalent residential units (ERU).

The City Council will hold a public hearing on December 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting may be conducted **via video conference and/or teleconference** and is subject to change as a result of the Public Health Emergency declared by the County of Ventura. Written protests on the proposed rate changes may be submitted during the public hearing (if Chambers are closed to the public at that time, submissions will be received directly outside of Chambers) or may be delivered any time before the hearing to the City Clerk, 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. All written protests must be received before the close of the Public Hearing. **Please include the parcel number(s), write “Water Rate Adjustment” and/or “Wastewater Rate Adjustment”, and print your name with signature on your written protest.** If you have questions about the proposed rate adjustments, please call (805) 449-2201. Telephone and email messages will not be considered as written protests.

