

# Stormwater Fee Amendment Proposition 218 Public Hearing



May 20, 2024  
City Council Meeting



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# BACKGROUND

- The City is proposing an amendment to the current Stormwater Fee because additional dedicated funding is needed to:
  - Remove trash and pollutants from rain runoff using sustainable methods;
  - Repair and maintain critical pipes and pump stations; and,
  - Invest in the highest-priority storm drainage infrastructure projects for the City's aging infrastructure



# CURRENT AND PROPOSED STORMWATER FEE AMENDMENT (ANNUAL CHARGE)

Land Use Category	SFE Rate	Medium SFE Rate	Proposed Fee FY 2024-25	Current Fee	Additional Monthly Cost
	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c = a * b</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>e = (c - d)/12</b>
<b>Single-Family Residential</b>			<b>\$ per parcel</b>	<b>\$ per parcel</b>	
Small < 3,200 sq. ft.	0.52	\$49.92	<b>\$26.07</b>	\$26.33	<b>(\$0.02)</b>
Medium 3,200 to 7,200 sq. ft.	1.00	\$49.92	<b>\$49.92</b>	\$26.33	\$1.97
Large > 7,200 sq. ft.	1.51	\$49.92	<b>\$75.15</b>	\$26.33	\$4.07
<b>Non-Single-Family Residential</b>			<b>\$ per Acre</b>	<b>\$ per Acre</b>	
Apartments/Condos	10.13	\$49.92	<b>\$505.70</b>	\$157.98	
Commercial	12.44	\$49.92	<b>\$621.02</b>	\$210.64	
Municipal	12.44	\$49.92	<b>\$621.02</b>	N/A	
Schools	7.87	\$49.92	<b>\$392.88</b>	N/A	
Parks	2.36	\$49.92	<b>\$117.81</b>	N/A	
Golf Courses	0.25	\$49.92	<b>\$12.48</b>	N/A	
Vacant - Developed Parcels	0.25	\$49.92	<b>\$12.48</b>	N/A	
Undeveloped Parcels/Open Space			<b>No Charge</b>		



# HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- Current Stormwater Fee established in 1993 to meet Clean Water Act requirements
  - Current Fee generates  $\approx$  \$1.1 m annually; Fee has not been increased since 1993
  - Costs for pollution control, O&M, monitoring and reporting, and capital needs continue to increase and have exceeded revenues in recent years
- Council approved funding for consulting work to develop a Storm Drain Master Plan, draft a Stormwater Fee Report and assist with the Prop 218 process
- April 2: Council voted to initiate Proposition 218 process to obtain approval of Stormwater Fee Amendment to increase funding
- April 5: Notice of Public Hearing mailed to all property owners subject to the proposed Stormwater Fee Amendment



# PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Creation of and ongoing updates to a dedicated website  
[Sanleandro.org/StormwaterFee](https://Sanleandro.org/StormwaterFee)
- Social media posts
- Video message to the community from the Mayor
- Individual briefing meetings including with large property owners, school districts, and other stakeholder groups
- Distribution of information at the San Leandro City Services Open House on April 13, 2024
- Informational notice mailed to all property owners
- Responding to emails and phone calls from property owners



# BALLOT PACKAGE

- The packet envelope shall state “OFFICIAL BALLOT ENCLOSED”
- Ballot Guide to explain funding needs, current and proposed rates, how to cast a ballot, ballots deadline, ballot tabulation, etc.
- Spanish and Simple Chinese translations
- An Official Ballot which identifies all parcels owned by the property owner
- A return envelope, postage provided

City of San Leandro  
835 East 14th Street  
San Leandro, CA 94577

## OFFICIAL FEE BALLOT City of San Leandro Stormwater Fee Amendment

In order to protect City streets and property from flooding, prepare the City for climate change and ensure no pollutants drain to the Bay by:

- Repairing and maintaining critical pipes and pump stations; and
- Removing trash and pollutants from rain runoff using sustainable methods; and,
- Investing in the highest-priority storm drainage infrastructure projects for our ageing system.

Shall the City of San Leandro amend the Stormwater Fee in the amounts listed on the other side of this ballot with future cost increases capped at 3% and dedicated only to the local storm drainage system?

☐ **YES**, I approve the proposed yearly Stormwater Fee Amendment.  
SI, apruebo la enmienda propuesta a la Tarifa Anual de Aguas Pluviales.  
是, 我批准拟议之年度暴雨费用修正案

☐ **NO**, I do not approve the proposed yearly Stormwater Fee Amendment.  
No, no apruebo la propuesta de enmienda anual a la Tarifa de Aguas Pluviales.  
否, 我不批准拟议之年度暴雨费用修正案

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am the authorized representative of the parcel(s) identified on this ballot.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Record Property Owner or Authorized Representative*

Address	Parcel Number	Current Fee	Proposed Fee

To be tabulated, ballots MUST be received before **Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** by the office of the City Clerk at 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro CA.



# BALLOT PROCESS

May 24: Ballots mailed to all property owners subject to the Amended Stormwater Fee

July 8: Ballots due to City Clerk by 5pm

July 9: Ballots tabulation in City Manager's Office Conference Room

July 15: Council certifies ballot results and considers adoption of fee

- If majority of votes received are "Yes", Amended Stormwater Fee implemented on the FY 2024-25 Tax Roll
- If majority of votes received are "No", Current Stormwater Fee implemented on the FY 2024-25 Tax Roll





# VOTING ON CITY AND PARKING AUTHORITY PARCELS

- Prop 218 requires that the proposed Stormwater Fee Amendment applies to all properties that impact the City's stormwater system based on fair share contribution, including City owned parcels
- City owns 162 parcels that would be required to pay the Fee at an annual cost of \$44,198 in FY 2024-25
- Parking Authority owns one parcel that would be required to pay the Fee at an annual cost of \$2,734 in FY 2024-245
- Staff recommends that the City exercise its right to vote on the proposed Stormwater Fee Amendment



# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Open the public hearing and take public comment;
- Close the public hearing;
- Receive report from City Clerk of the tabulation of protests;
- If a majority protest does not exist, adopt two resolutions:
  1. Finding that a majority protest does not exist, directing a property owner ballot proceeding for the City's stormwater fee amendment, and directing the City Manager to vote "yes" for City-owned parcels;
  2. Directing the City Manager to vote "yes" for San Leandro Parking Authority owned parcels.

