



Dear Mt. Shasta property owners and customers,

Enclosed you will find a lengthy explanation of the Proposition 218 public notice process accompanying the Mt. Shasta City Council's recent decision to adopt the 2017 Water and Wastewater (Sewer) Utility Rate Studies. The Wastewater or Sewer Rate Study recommends an increase in the rate you will be required to pay for sewer services. The proposed Water rate will either increase or decrease based on your monthly metered water use and property infrastructure. Please see Tables 1 and 2 for the proposed monthly water and sewer rates.

No City Council looks forward to having to pass rate increases on to our residents and it is certainly true for us in Mt Shasta. Unfortunately, many state mandates are handed down to us with no funding, as is the case with upgrading our wastewater (sewer) treatment plant.

We have been able to keep our rates as low as they are due to successfully applying for grants to help us pay for infrastructure improvements, and we are blessed with an abundant source of clean water that does not require treatment. Our rates, even with increases, are still among the lowest in the state. But as you may know, much of what we have is old and outdated and needs to be replaced.

So we invite you to carefully read this information on the Proposition 218 process and encourage you to watch the March 27th, 2017 city council meeting where many questions were asked and answered. It can be found at <http://www.siskiyoumediacouncil.org/public-access/mctv-15/>

Finally, if after reviewing this information, you have questions about your rights or how to participate, please contact City Hall at 926-7510, we will do our best to clarify the process.

Thank you for your understanding,

Kathy Morter
Mayor

Bruce Pope
City Manager