

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

RESOLUTION 2011-44, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 2010-40, CONFIRMING AND RE-ESTABLISHING CURRENT SEWER USE FEES, ESTABLISHING AN OPERATIVE DATE THEREFOR AND ADDING A PROVISION TO ALLOW A CREDIT FOR VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (VWRA) TREATMENT PORTION OF THE MONTHLY SEWER USE FEES PAID FOR VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Summary Statement:

The Town's solid waste handling service is mandatory for all residential and commercial buildings within the Town. Currently there is an exception provided for trash billing for "residential dwelling units" during such period or periods in which residential dwellings are continuously unoccupied for more than 60 consecutive days, (AVMC 6.20.021). For residents to receive account credit for trash service, the resident must provide documentation (i.e., utility billing showing below baseline usage) which supports the claim that the residence in question has been vacant for more than 60 days. Currently there is no similar provision to allow a credit for sewer billing charges if the residence has been vacant for more than 60 consecutive days.

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Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution 2011-44 adding a provision to provide residents with a sewer vacancy credit.

Proposed by: Dennis Cron, Assistant Town Manager _____ **Item Number** _____

T. M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item** **Yes** **No** **N/A**

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Sewer billing is not “turned off” unless the sewer connection is physically disconnected from the residence. If approved, this resolution will add a provision such that, if a resident provides proof of no (“0”) water usage a credit for the VVWRA treatment portion of the sewer bill would be posted to their account.

The Town charges \$24.46 per unit, per month for sewer service. Of this amount, \$16.17 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) is paid to VVWRA for treatment expense. The remaining \$8.29 is used by the Town’s Wastewater Department for maintenance and operation of the Town’s sewer system. The incremental VVWRA treatment cost is the only portion that would be credited to the account, as the Town must continue to maintain the sewer system in a full operational condition ready to accept flow from any resident at any time.

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The Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Sewer User Fees

- (a) Each unit designed for single family occupancy, each residential unit within a multiple family development, and each mobile home unit will be assessed at the rate of \$24.46 per unit per month effective at such time as necessary to cover related costs.
- (b) Each commercial shop or office with individual restroom facilities will be assessed at the rate of \$24.46 per unit per month plus \$1.223 per fixture unit in excess of twenty (20) fixture units effective at such time as necessary to cover related costs.
- (c) Commercial or industrial shops or office with public and/or centralized sewer use facilities will be assessed a minimum of \$24.46 per month plus \$1.223 per fixture unit in excess of twenty (20) fixture units effective at such time as necessary to cover related costs.
- (d) Schools' monthly user fees will be calculated on the basis of total annual enrollment (including faculty) whereby twenty-three (23) students and/or faculty equals one (1) EDU, which is defined as twenty (20) fixture units which will be assessed at the rate of \$24.46 per EDU per month effective at such time as necessary to cover related costs.
- (e) The Sewer User Charge will be collected by the Town on a bimonthly basis for residential service and all others will be collected on a monthly basis.

Section 2: Waiver of Sewer Fees

- (a) A portion of the Sewer User Charge for residential service during such period or periods in which the residence is continuously unoccupied for more than 60 consecutive days may be credited provided that the Town receives proof of no water use for that particular period.
- (b) The current Sewer User Charge is \$24.46 per unit per month. The portion of the Sewer User Charge that may be credited is that incremental charge for treatment fees that are paid to the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWRA), and that incremental portion is currently \$16.17 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). The customer must continue to pay the Town's local sewer user charge currently set at \$8.29 per month.

Section 3: Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective October 1, 2011.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley
this 13th day of September, 2011.

MAYOR

Attest:

TOWN CLERK