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CITY OF OAKLAND

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Brooke A. Levin

SUBJECT: 2015 Sewer Service Charge Increase Based on Consumer Price Index

DATE: December 29, 2014

City Administrator Approval **/s/ Donna Hom**

Date **12/31/14**

INFORMATION

The purpose of this informational Memorandum is to announce that Oakland's Sewer Service Charge will be increased by 3% effective January 1, 2015. This planned, annual increase was approved in 2010 by the City Council and is based on the Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco Bay Area, compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau Labor Services.

The current monthly rate for a single family residence is $34.72, and will be increased to $35.76. The rates for all other users including multi-family residences, commercial, and industrial accounts will also be similarly increased. The City's Sewer Service Charge is collected by East Bay Municipal Utility District. An informational billing insert has been prepared and will be mailed to all residents with the first billing starting February 1, 2015.

This increase is needed to maintain operational service in capital improvements in the City's sewer collection system in order to meet regulatory requirements and to ensure that Oakland has a reliable sewer collection system for years to come. The improvements will also result in a cleaner and healthier environment.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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