



City of Kerman  
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Kerman, CA 93630  
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RE: 774 S Walnut Ave

### OFFICIAL BALLOT AND INFORMATION GUIDE REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF STORM DRAIN RATES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of this Notice and Guide is to provide you with information about the City of Kerman's proposal to adjust its monthly storm drain rates and a ballot to vote on the proposed rates. The City Council will make a decision based on the ballot tabulation at a public hearing to be held as follows:

Date: February 14, 2024 at 6 PM  
Location: Kerman City Council Chamber  
850 S. Madera Avenue  
Kerman, CA 93630,

Property owners and/or utility billing customers have the opportunity to vote on the proposed storm drain rates. Each parcel within the City may submit one ballot. Only official ballots that are marked and signed with the property owner's support or opposition and are received by 6:00 PM on February 14, 2024, will be counted. Post marks do not count.

Each parcel within the City may submit one ballot. If approved, the first rate change will go into effect April 1, 2024. A listing of the proposed rates, the ballot and ballot instructions are provided on the following page.

Under the proposed rate plan, single family residential customers will pay less than the current rate through 2027. Most non-residential customers will pay a higher amount of storm drain fees that is more proportional to the amount of runoff that they generate. **The City cannot adopt the new rates if votes submitted in opposition exceed the number of votes submitted in favor of the new rates.**

The storm drain system consists of critical infrastructure to collect, convey, and retain runoff from wet weather events to avoid flooding on City streets. The City has not adjusted its storm drain rates in many years and the storm drain fund is operating at a deficit. The City's current rates do not generate enough funds to cover costs.

The City conducted a rate study to determine appropriate rate adjustments for various types of customers. Currently, the City bills single family and multi-family customers a monthly rate of \$1.60 per dwelling unit. Non-residential customers are billed based on water use with a minimum monthly rate of \$1.60. It is proposed that non-residential customers no longer be charged based on water use and instead be charged based on land use and acreage. Larger parcels that have more paved over area generate more stormwater runoff and should pay more than smaller parcels that have less paved over area and more vegetation that absorbs stormwater.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL (559) 846-4682 OR VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFKERMAN.ORG.**

**CITY OF KERMAN STORM DRAIN RATE BALLOT**  
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPLETION AND RETURN OF OFFICIAL BALLOTS**

1. Mark the appropriate box next to your choice on the ballot by completely filling it in like this  in black or blue pen.
2. Sign and date the ballot on the signature line. Only the property owner or utility account holder may sign the ballot.
3. Place the marked ballot into envelope, seal envelope, and mail it or deliver in person between 8 AM and 5 PM to:  
 Kerman City Hall  
 Storm Drain Prop 218  
 850 S. Madera Avenue  
 Kerman, CA 93630
4. All ballots **must** be received by **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**, or they will not be counted.
5. If you lose or destroy your ballot, you may request a replacement by calling (559) 846-4682. A new ballot will be mailed to you. If you make a request after Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> you may want to request it in person to ensure you return it in time.
6. Hand-delivered ballots will also be accepted at the Public Hearing on February 14 at 6 PM at the Kerman Council Chambers. Regardless of whether you choose to mail or hand-deliver your ballot, it **MUST** be received no later than the conclusion of the Public Hearing or it will not be counted.



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**Shall the City of Kerman enact the monthly storm drain rates as listed below?**

Customer Class	Billing Method	Current	Proposed Proposition 218 <sup>+</sup> Monthly Storm Drain Rates					
			Billing Method	April 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027	January 1, 2028
Single Family	Per dwelling	\$1.60	Per dwelling	\$1.42	\$1.46	\$1.50	\$1.55	\$1.60
Multi-family	Per dwelling	\$1.60	Per acre	\$10.36	\$10.67	\$10.99	\$11.32	\$11.66
Commercial	*	*	Per acre	\$11.85	\$12.21	\$12.58	\$12.96	\$13.35
Industrial	*	*	Per acre	\$13.33	\$13.73	\$14.14	\$14.56	\$15.00
Church	*	*	Per acre	\$7.40	\$7.62	\$7.85	\$8.09	\$8.33
Schools	*	*	Per acre	\$4.44	\$4.57	\$4.71	\$4.85	\$5.00
Parks	*	*	Per acre	\$1.48	\$1.52	\$1.57	\$1.62	\$1.67

\* Currently, all non-residential customers are billed based on metered water service. The current rate is \$0.0736/1,000 gallons of non-irrigation water use with a minimum fee of \$1.60 per month.

+ For accounts for which the City cannot determine a parcel size, the minimum fee is 1/5 of the proposed rate per acre

YES, I approve the proposed monthly storm drain rates

NO, I do not approve the proposed monthly storm drain rates

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury, that I am the property owner(s or the utility billing account holder identified as the addressee on Notice of Public Hearing. **BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED TO BE COUNTED.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Address or Utility Billing Account # \_\_\_\_\_