



The Real Truth

About the City's Sewer
Service Fee Proposal



The Redwood City Council will soon vote to add Sewer Service Fees to our Property Tax Bills.

Why Does This Matter?

If Council approves this proposal, it will impact every Homeowner in Redwood City.

Sewer Service fees will be billed annually, in a lump sum, and will become subject to much steeper late fees, penalties, and consequences.

What does the City of Redwood City charge if you are late paying Sewer Fees now?

- 1.5% interest after 30 days.
- 5% or \$3.00 (whichever is higher) a Shut-Off Notice is issued.
- 1.5% of the current Sewer Service fee is less than \$3.00.

What does the County charge if you are late paying your Property Taxes?

- **1 Day Late- 10% off the ENTIRE Tax Bill.**
- Plus Fees of 1.5% of the total amount owed, compounded daily, until the balance is paid in full.
- Plus a Redemption Fee \$35.00
- If left unpaid the County can auction off your home to pay any past-due taxes, fees, penalties, and legal fees.

San Mateo County does **NOT** accept partial payments on Property Taxes. If your property tax payment arrives late, **even by one day**, fees and penalties apply to the **entire Property Tax Bill**.

Here are some examples of how the City of Redwood City's Sewer Service Fee property Tax proposal may impact you.

The proposed annual Sewer Service Fee is \$1,071.36

I bought my home in 1970. My Property Taxes are \$1,855.00 a year or \$927.50 per installment. My Property Tax bill will now be \$2,926.36
The minimum amount I will pay for being 1 day late is \$292.64

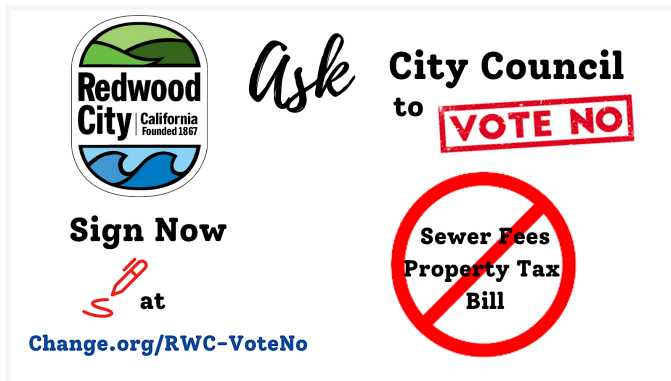
I bought my home in 2000. My Property Taxes are \$12,965.00 a year or \$6,482.50 per installment. My Property Tax bill will now be \$14,036.36
The minimum amount I will pay if I am 1 day late is \$1,403.64.

I bought my home in 2020. My Property Taxes are \$29,375.00 a year or \$14,687.50 per installment. My Property Tax bill will now be \$30,446.36 The minimum amount I will pay if I am 1 day late is: \$3,044.64

COVID-19 has shown us all how quickly finances can change.

Why the City of Redwood City is seeking to make this change or willing to subject homeowners to these harsh fees and penalties; just as we are recovering from a worldwide pandemic has not been explained.

The Farm Hill Neighborhood held a meeting on this issue in May and formally voted to oppose this proposal.



We are asking our fellow Redwood City residents and property owners to join our efforts to oppose this proposal by signing our online petition at www.change.org/RWC-VoteNo and sharing it with family, friends, and neighbors who live or own property in Redwood City.

Opposition can be sent via e-mail to council@redwoodcity.org

With your help, we may be able to STOP City Council from passing this proposal on Monday Night!

If you would like to watch the Farm Hill Neighborhood meeting which includes a Presentation from City Staff on the Sewer Service Fee Proposal and our vote, you can do so at: www.farmhillneighborhood.com/post/farm-hill-neighborhood-meeting-5