

If you have any questions let me know and thanks for your response.

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From: Leonie Terfort <lterfort@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 1:04 PM
To: manager homesteadvalleysd.org <manager@homesteadvalleysd.org>
Subject: Protest Sewer Charges PDF

To whom it may concern,
I am sending you this signed PDF protest regarding the proposed Sewer Rate Change.
The PDF notes my Address and Parcel Number at the upper left corner.
Thank you for taking my letter of protest into consideration.
I would greatly appreciate a short response confirming the receipt of this eMail.
Sincerely, Leonie Terfort

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LEONIE TERFORT

103 Lehman Lane
Mill Valley, 94941, CA
Parcel No 048-061-14

April 19, 2021

To
Secretary/Treasurer of the Homestead Valley Sanitary District
P.O. 149, Mill Valley, CA, 94942

Submission of Protest about the proposed increase of sewer service charge

To whom it may concern,

With this letter I am submitting my protest to the plans about increasing the Homestead Valley sewer service charge.

On average people in the US pay between \$12 - \$135 for sewage. Homestead Valley inhabitants already pay a top price for the local sewer system through their property taxes.

Now the Sanitary District proposes to roughly double the cost for sewage. That can not be and should prompt an investigation about why the Homestead Valley District is not managing the already high sewage payments in a way that they cover sewer maintenance and predictable renewal needs - like other US sewer districts do.

Taxes in Homestead Valley are already too high for families and normal income individuals to make living in this area sustainable. This hurts this community, it makes a (income) diverse and vibrant neighborhood almost impossible; neighbors who have lived here all their lives are already forced to leave their homes because of the ridiculously high costs of living in Homestead Valley.

These already high taxes should be managed in a way that necessary investments - like predictable sewer line renewals - are covered. It can't be that basics like sewage come as an additional financial burden for a community that is already being taxed to its limits. Especially during these times. The proposal does to even link sewer costs to income or water usage.

I am asking you respectfully to reject the proposed increase of sewer service charge and instead review and adjust existing taxes and sewer cost management practices.

Sincerely,

Leonie Terfort

Protest to sewer service charge increase

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Mon 5/17/2021 12:55 PM

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 1 attachments (2 MB)

HVSD protest 2021.pdf;

Enclosed please find a signed PDF attachment letter of protest to the increase in sewer service charge. This email is for public comment at the upcoming meeting regarding the Sewer Rate Change.

Thanks for your consideration.

Lorna Anderson

405 Montford Ave.

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Parcel #047-132-28

Homestead Valley Sanitary District
P.O. Box 149
Mill Valley, CA 94942

May 17, 2021

To the Secretary/Treasurer,

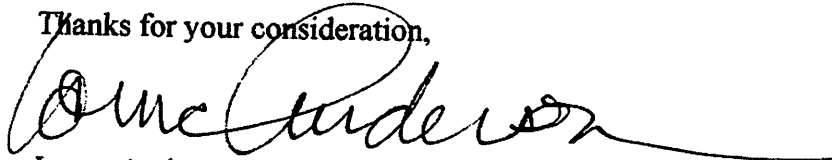
I would like to officially submit a protest to the increase of sewer service charges based on #3 of the Board of Directors' considerations:

“3. Whether the amount of the increase imposed... shall not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel.”

I have tried to bring this concern to the HVSD before, but was told that the rules were the rules and was given no room whatsoever to debate the issue. I have lived at 405 Montford Avenue since 1997. At the time I purchased my house, there was a red tag notice on a small illegal studio built over the garage. At that time, I paid the county fees and made the building department upgrades to make it a legal unit so that I would not have to remove the tiny kitchenette in this 450 square foot studio space. In the 24 years that I have owned and lived in my home, I have NEVER rented this space, but have used it only as a guest room when I have visitors. I live in a modest 3 bedroom, 2 bath home - 2100 square feet, plus the studio. For the first 14 years, I lived here with my son. For the last 10 years, I have lived here alone. As you can see by the amount of occupancy and scale of the facilities, my impact on the Homestead Valley Sanitary District has been on the low side for the entire 24 years I have live here. Yet I am required to pay double the fees of other Homestead Valley residents, many of whom have much larger homes, with far more bathrooms and much larger occupancy than I do. While I understand that the rules are written in a way which charge one fee per legal dwelling, it is completely unfair for me to be paying double. As Homestead residents continue to replace older, smaller homes with 5 or 6 bedroom, 5 bathroom houses, I feel that these regulations are outdated and need to be revisited!!

If the proposed rate schedule is implemented, it will become difficult for me to pay this unfair fee. I would appreciate your addressing this inequity at your upcoming meeting. I would also appreciate some kind of response so I know that you, the Board, have considered the specific context of this issue and its impact on myself.

Thanks for your consideration,



Lorna Anderson
405 Montford Avenue
Mill Valley, Ca
Assessor's Parcel #047-132-28