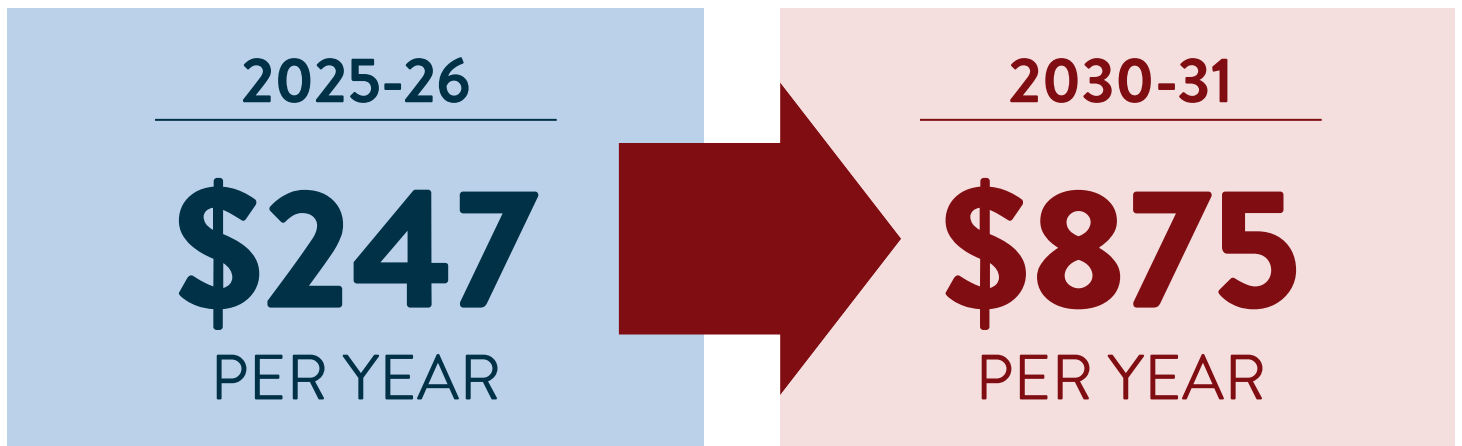




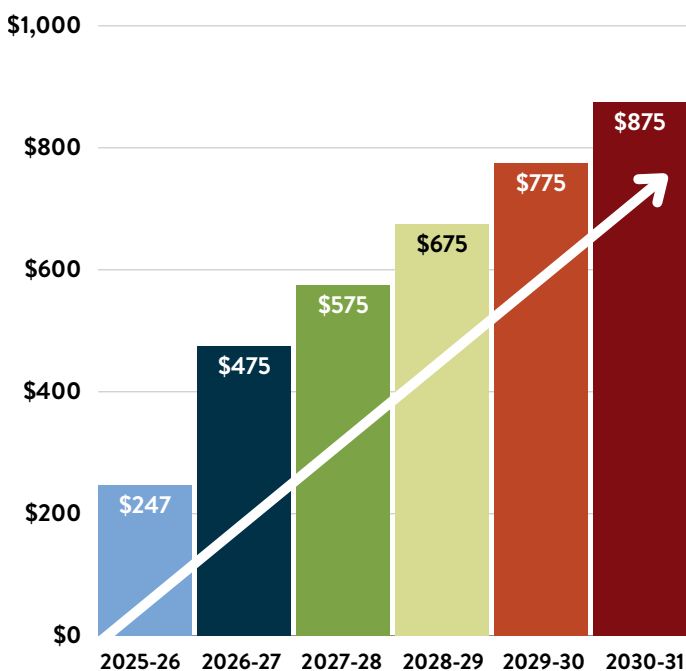
KERN COUNTY V. CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

SEWER RATE LAWSUIT

The City of Bakersfield approved an unprecedented rate hike that will impact everyone in Bakersfield, including working families, seniors on fixed incomes, renters, and small businesses. Starting in October, residents will see higher sewer charges on their property tax bills. In response, Kern County has filed a lawsuit challenging the rate increase. The County encourages the City to find a better way to pay for the necessary sewer improvements, so that current residents and businesses do not bear costs that should be paid by future ratepayers.



Over five years, the annual sewer rate would ***more than triple***.



WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Any property owner may participate in the lawsuit by filing a written answer to the complaint by August 10, 2026, in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301,

Case No. 26CUB02363.

The Summons and Petition and Complaint can be found online at [KernCounty.com](https://www.kerncounty.com). Physical copies are available at the County Clerk of the Board's Office and Bakersfield City Hall.

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