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Dear Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District Residents,

This letter is to inform you that the basic monthly rates for sewer service will be increasing effective July 1, 2023. This monthly rate will be increasing by \$5.00 per month. The new total rate will be \$80.00 per month.

The Board and staff make every effort to manage NOSD economically and believe the \$5.00 increase is the minimum necessary to insure overall safe operation of the sanitary sewer system and compliance with State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Regulations and Standards.

Why the increase? Due to the unique geography of the Netarts-Oceanside community with serviced homes located from sea level to over 300 feet above sea level, there are 9 pump stations supporting pressure sewer lines, over 20 miles of gravity lines, with associated manholes, and service laterals, all feeding the main wastewater treatment plant. In addition, there is a complex backup system required by DEQ. The entire system operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with no down time.

Inflation has resulted in increased costs for parts, supplies and contract services. The aging physical plant continues to require ever increasing maintenance. Obsolescence is causing challenges where before, systems could be repaired, today 10 to 15 years after much of the system was built, components now obsolete, require replacement with associated additional costs.

We believe through maintaining a highly skilled maintenance force, an aggressive preventative maintenance program and planned upgrades, the system will continue to operate in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Sincerely,



John Prather,

Board Chairperson

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