

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:30 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** NO on sewer rate hike

Please vote NO on this ridiculously high rate increase. We're being squeezed too tightly from everywhere. Those on limited income are really affected most and it's just not fair. We understand the need to increase occasionally but this isn't right the way it's being proposed. Take it back to the drawing board and figure out something better for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

W. Russell

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**Alyssa Slater**

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**From:** Kate Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 5:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** ATTN: Protest Wastewater Rate Increases  
**Attachments:** ATTN\_ Protest Waste Water Rate Increases.pdf

April 22th, 2025,

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I, Katelyn Smith, managing member of AMSTRDM LLC and property lessee, are in opposition to the proposed increases to wastewater rates at 6480 Palma Ave, Atascadero, Ca 93422 (APN: 800-003-191)

Sincerely,  
Katelyn Smith, managing member  
AMSTRDM, LLC



4/22/2025

Katelyn Smith, managing member  
Date

I certify that the contents of this protest are true and correct.

**Kate Smith, co-owner**



725 13th St Paso Robles, CA  
6480 Palma Ave, Atascadero, CA \*new\*

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katelyn", is written over a horizontal line.

Katelyn Smith, managing member

4/22/2025

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## Alyssa Slater

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**From:** Sydney Sima <sydney@zvillages.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 6:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment Requesting Halting Wastewater Tax Increases

Dear Atascadero City Council,

As the CPA for Z Villages—a local property management group with a strong presence in the downtown and greater Atascadero area—I have detailed fiscal insight into the health and struggles of many local businesses. The vast majority of our commercial leases are NNN, meaning tenants are responsible for property taxes, utilities, and other operating expenses.

Over the past couple years, these businesses have faced mounting challenges, particularly lately from prolonged downtown construction, which has significantly disrupted foot traffic and sales. Despite our best efforts to support our tenants, the rising costs of property taxes and insurance have pushed many to the brink, making it increasingly difficult for them to break even.

I respectfully urge the Council to pause any further increases to the sewer property tax and instead initiate a comprehensive, transparent, and inclusive review of the current rate structure. This review should:

- Actively involve business owners and stakeholders,
- Incorporate real usage data where available, and
- Ensure the financial responsibility of maintaining our city's infrastructure is distributed equitably among all users.

Additionally, though it may fall outside the scope of this discussion, I strongly encourage the Council to explore ways to financially support the businesses along El Camino and surrounding streets that have been most affected by ongoing construction.

Thank you for your time, and for your continued service to our community.

Sydney Zappas

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