



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Solid Waste Collection Service Rate Increase

Date: May 13, 2025

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Department: Public Works

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin of Intent to Amend the Solid Waste Collection Service Rates Within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Rocklin and Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing Thereon.

Background:

Recology Auburn Placer (Recology) has a Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Handling Services with the City that allows for an annual Cost of Living Adjustment up to a maximum of 4.0%, as established by Resolution No. 2009-42 and amended by Resolution No. 2024-32. Recology has approached the City with a request for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.5%. In addition, the Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) is increasing the landfill rate by 2.58%, which is passed through to the City's solid waste hauler and is applicable to Debris Boxes and Construction and Demolition (C&D) material.

Recology has been Rocklin's solid waste provider since 1979. They operate under a Franchise Agreement originally granted by the City in 1979 and extended in 1999. In 2009 Recology was granted a new and revised Franchise Agreement in which they may apply for a yearly COLA rate adjustment based on a specified formula. There are procedures necessary for a solid waste fee increase in order to comply with Proposition 218.

Refuse collection services are not subject to voter approval, but are subject to the notice, hearing, and majority protest procedures set forth in Article XIID, section 6(a). Approval of the staff recommendation will set a Public Hearing on the proposed rate increases for June 24, 2025.

Recology's rates compare favorably with neighboring communities in the region, especially when considering the expanded service Rocklin residents receive. Beyond the normal weekly trash service, Rocklin residents receive green waste pickup, street sweeping, curbside e-waste recycling, Spring Cleanup, cardboard recycling, and dead animal pickup, which are included in the monthly rate.

Below is a comparison of the existing and proposed rates for a sampling of the multiple rates provided within the Franchise Agreement. Cost projections are based on the Cost of Living Increase at 2.5% and a landfill rate increase of 2.58%.

Collection Rates	Container	Base Rate (Monthly)	Disposal	Franchise Fee	Total	+ or -
Current Rate	1 - 32 Gallon	8.41	8.08	1.83	18.32	
Proposed Rate		8.62	8.28	1.88	18.78	+ .46
Current Rate	Toter Only	14.51	16.15	3.41	34.07	
Proposed Rate		14.87	16.57	3.49	34.93	+ .86
Current Rate	Unlimited toter	19.86	20.77	4.51	45.14	
Proposed Rate		20.36	21.30	4.63	46.29	+ 1.15
Current Rate	Sr. Unlimited Toter	10.46	20.77	3.47	34.70	
Proposed Rate		10.72	21.30	3.56	35.58	+ .88
Current Rate	1 Yd - 1 x Week	73.14	34.61	11.97	119.72	
Proposed Rate		74.97	35.51	12.28	122.76	+ 3.04
Current Rate	1 Yd - 4 x Week	217.09	138.45	39.50	395.04	
Proposed Rate		222.52	142.03	40.51	405.06	+ 10.02
Current Rate	4 Yd - 1 x Week	217.09	138.45	39.50	395.04	
Proposed Rate		222.52	142.03	40.51	405.06	+ 10.02

Fiscal Impact:

The impact of the proposed rate increase on Recology customers is noted above. The fiscal impact to the City of the proposed rate increases would result in an increase in franchise fee revenue in the General Fund (100) of approximately \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - Rates](#)