



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Solid Waste Rate Increase Public Hearing

Date: June 25, 2024

Submitted By: Justin Nartker, Director of Public Services

Department: Public Services

Recommendation:

Conduct a Public Hearing and, if there is No Majority Protest, Consider the Following Action:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Amending Solid Waste Collection Service Rates within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Rocklin and Rescinding Resolution No. 2023-110.

Background:

On May 14, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-109, which established Tuesday, June 25, 2024, as a Public Hearing to allow an opportunity for owners of property and customers serviced by Recology Auburn Placer to appear and protest the proposed increase in fees. The rate adjustment request consists of a Cost-of-Living (COLA) Increase of 2.1%, which is less than the 4.0% maximum yearly increase allowed in the Franchise Agreement with the City of Rocklin. In addition, Western Placer Waste Management Authority is increasing the Landfill Rate by 2.65%, which is passed through the City's solid waste hauler.

Resolution No. 2024-109 also authorized the City Clerk to give additional notice of the proposed increase and Public Hearing as required by law. Written notice of the proposed rates and public hearing was provided by Recology Auburn Placer to its customers as required by law (Attachment 4). Written protest and comment letters received prior to the posting of the agenda are included in Attachment 3. To date, two protests have been received.

Recology Auburn Placer continues to perform their obligations as outlined in the Franchise Agreement. They are responsive to citizen concerns and requests from the City. Beyond the normal weekly service, Rocklin residents also receive green waste pickup, street sweeping, curbside e-waste recycling, spring cleanup, cardboard recycling and dead (large) animal pickup. The current and proposed collection rates for common items are reflected in Attachment 5.

Staff recommends as follows:

1. Open the public hearing and receive any further protests and comments.
2. Close the public hearing and have the City Clerk tally the protests and consider the results.
3. If there is a majority protest (50% plus 1 of all customers), no further action will be taken.
4. If there is not a majority protest, then Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached resolution to adopt the solid waste fees as proposed.

Fiscal Impact:

The COLA Adjustment and the Landfill Increase Pass Through total is 4.75%, the impact to the average residential end user approximately 2.01%.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - Rates](#)
3. [Protest Letters](#)
4. [Public Hearing Notice](#)
5. [Common Collection Rate](#)