



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Setting a Public Hearing to Amend Solid Waste Collection Services Rates within Rocklin

Date: May 9, 2023

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Department: Public Services

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 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 per a specified formula. Recology Auburn Placer has approached the City with a request for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that consists of a Cost of Living Increase of 5.7%; however, the Franchise Agreement with the City of Rocklin has a maximum yearly increase of 4.0%. The remaining 1.7% of the COLA will be rolled into the following year.

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).

Recology rates compare favorably with neighboring communities, 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 large dead animal pickup to assist with the Police Department's Animal Control Unit and Public Services; which is included in the monthly rate.

The current and proposed collection rates for common items are reflected in Attachment 3.

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed COLA of 4% is charged to the customer and will result in a minor increase to the City's franchise fee revenue, as shown in Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Resolution Exhibit A - Recology Rates
3. Common Collection Rates (Current and Proposed)