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City Council Staff Report

Subject: Solid Waste Collection Rates

Date: May 14, 2024

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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 a Franchise Agreement with the City for Solid Waste Handling Services that allows for a yearly Cost of Living Adjustment (per Resolution No. 2009-81). Recology has approached the City with a request for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that consists of a Cost of Living Increase of 2.1%, which is less than the 4.0% maximum yearly increase allowed in the Franchise Agreement. 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.

Recology has been Rocklin's solid waste hauler 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. There are procedures necessary for a solid waste fee increase in order to comply with PROP 218.

Recology rates compare favorably with neighboring communities in our 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 large dead animal pickup within the public right-of-way; which is included in the monthly rate.

Refuse collection services are not subject to voter approval, but are subject to the notice, hearing and majority protest procedures set forth in Article XIIID, section 6(a). When requested by Recology, a public hearing is held (not more than once annually), resulting in an increase to rates. Approval of the staff recommendation will set a Public Hearing on the

proposed rate increases for June 25, 2024.

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 2.1% and a landfill rate increase of 2.65%.

	Container	Base Rate (Monthly)	Disposal	Franchise Fee	Total	+ or -
Current Rate	1 - 32 Gallon Can	8.24	7.87	1.79	17.90	
Proposed Rate*		8.41	8.08	1.83	18.32	**+.42**
Current Rate	Toter Total	14.21	15.74	3.33	33.28	
Proposed Rate*		14.51	16.15	3.41	34.07	**+.79**
Current Rate	Unlimited Toter	19.45	20.23	4.41	44.09	
Proposed Rate*		19.86	20.77	4.51	45.14	**+1.05**
Current Rate	Sr. Unlimited Toter	10.24	20.23	3.39	33.86	
Proposed Rate*		10.46	20.77	3.47	34.70	**+.84**
Current Rate	1 Yd - 1 x Week	71.64	33.72	11.71	117.07	
Proposed Rate*		73.14	34.61	11.97	119.72	**+2.65**
Current Rate	1 Yd - 4 x Week	212.62	134.88	38.61	386.11	
Proposed Rate*		217.09	138.45	39.50	395.04	**+8.93**
Current Rate	4 Yd - 1 x Week	212.62	134.88	38.61	386.11	
Proposed Rate*		217.09	138.45	39.50	395.04	**+8.93**

Fiscal Impact:
While the COLA Adjustment is 2.1% and the Landfill Increase Pass Through total is 2.65%, the impact to the average residential end user is an approximately 2.0% increase.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Resolution
2. Resolution Exhibit A - Rates