



Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Increases in Solid Waste Service Rates

The City Council of the City of Paso Robles will conduct a public hearing on the proposed increases to solid waste service rates on **May 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm** at the following location:
City of Paso Robles, Council Chambers 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California 93446.

This notice is being sent to all City property owners and tenants receiving solid waste service. If adopted the proposed new rates would take effect on July 1, 2020, with increases each January 1 thereafter through January 1, 2024. This notice also describes how to file a protest to this proposed action. All property owners/tenants and other interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard on the matter.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATE INCREASES & BASIS UPON WHICH THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES WERE CALCULATED

The City of Paso Robles has an exclusive franchise agreement with Paso Robles Waste & Recycle (PRWR) for the collection and handling of solid waste, green waste, organic waste and recycling within the City (collectively, "solid waste services") to customers throughout the City. Pursuant to the franchise agreement, solid waste service fees are paid by customers within the City who receive solid waste services from PRWR. PRWR uses these fees to pay the costs that it incurs in providing the solid waste services described in the franchise agreement.

The franchise agreement establishes a process for revising the amount that PRWR will charge the City for the solid waste services it provides within the City. PRWR's cost of providing solid waste services to City customers has increased, due to changes in worldwide recycling markets, significant increases in recycling and green waste processing fees and other operating expenses, changes in laws and regulations, increases in employee compensation, increased service levels, and increased tipping fees at the City landfill. Pursuant to the franchise agreement, PRWR is proposing to increase the rates it charges the City for these services. PRWR applied for a rate increase in June of 2019, amended that request in January of 2020, and has provided all supporting documentation to the City.

In accordance with the terms of the franchise agreement, among the documentation that PRWR has provided to the City is a Rate Study completed by the Green Hasson & Janks LLP accounting firm, and evidence that PRWR has complied with the terms of the franchise agreement related to requests for service rate adjustments, which was reviewed by Glenn Burdette, a certified public accounting firm.

Based on the Rate Study and Glenn Burdette's review, and as supported by the documentation provided by PRWR, solid waste collection rate increases are proposed as shown in the table below.

Additional information regarding the basis for the proposed rate increase are set forth in the staff report and supporting documents provided to the City Council for its meetings on March 17, 2020 (agenda item information available at <http://prcity.com/government/citycouncil/agendas>).

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES AND PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN RATES

Effective Date	July 1, 2020	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
Percentage Increase	8.8%	8.78%	6.0%	CPI – est 3%*	CPI – est 3%*

*The solid waste rates will implement automatic adjustments for inflation January 1, 2023 and 2024 by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Items, San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose (average for the twelve-month period) (“CPI”), as maintained and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor. The estimated CPI increase is 3.0%, but the rates will be adjusted in an amount not to exceed the annual CPI.

PROPOSED MONTHLY SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES (PARTIAL LIST)

Container Size	Monthly Service Rate in Effect since Jan 1, 2020 ^(a)	Maximum Monthly Rates ^(b)				
		Effective July 1, 2020	Effective Jan 1, 2021	Effective Jan 1, 2022	Effective Jan 1, 2023	Effective Jan 1, 2024
	<i>Annual Increase ==></i>	8.80%	8.78%	6.00%	3.00% est	3.00% est
Residential Rates						
20 gallon automated at Curb	\$27.91	\$30.36	\$33.03	\$35.01	\$36.06	\$37.14
40 gallon automated at Curb	\$31.69	\$34.47	\$37.50	\$39.75	\$40.94	\$42.17
60 gallon automated at Curb	\$42.01	\$45.70	\$49.72	\$52.70	\$54.28	\$55.91
90 gallon automated at Curb	\$46.51	\$50.61	\$55.05	\$58.35	\$60.10	\$61.91
Commercial Rates						
40 gallon can, 1 time per week	\$38.12	\$41.48	\$45.12	\$47.82	\$49.26	\$50.74
40 gallon can, 2 times per week	\$67.20	\$73.11	\$79.53	\$84.30	\$86.83	\$89.44
60 gallon can, 1 time per week	\$56.56	\$61.54	\$66.94	\$70.96	\$73.09	\$75.28
60 gallon can, 2 times per week	\$108.39	\$117.93	\$128.28	\$135.98	\$140.06	\$144.26
90 gallon can, 1 time per week	\$71.05	\$77.30	\$84.09	\$89.14	\$91.81	\$94.56
90 gallon can, 2 times per week	\$146.26	\$159.13	\$173.10	\$183.49	\$188.99	\$194.66
1 Yard						
1 bin, 1 time per week	\$107.53	\$117.00	\$127.27	\$134.91	\$138.95	\$143.12
1 bin, 2 times per week	\$176.53	\$192.06	\$208.92	\$221.46	\$228.10	\$234.95
1 bin, 3 times per week	\$245.52	\$267.13	\$290.58	\$308.01	\$317.25	\$326.77
1 bin, 4 times per week	\$314.51	\$342.19	\$372.23	\$394.57	\$406.40	\$418.60
1 bin, 5 times per week	\$383.52	\$417.27	\$453.90	\$481.14	\$495.57	\$510.44

The full proposed rate schedule for all solid waste services is attached and also available for viewing on-line at www.prcity.com/solidwaste.

WHY ARE RATES GOING UP OVER SEVERAL YEARS?

The proposed rates spread the cost increases over a 3-year period, to reduce the initial rate increase that would otherwise be required. In subsequent years, rates will be tied to a consumer price index (CPI noted above) to keep pace with rising costs. The City Council decided to spread the rate increase over several years to make the impacts easier on the customers.

HOW TO BE HEARD

Any record owner of a parcel upon which the Solid Waste Service Rates are proposed for imposition and any tenant directly liable for the payment of Solid Waste Service Rates (i.e., a customer of record) may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases to the City's solid waste service rates; provided, however, only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must: (1) state that the identified property owner or tenant is in opposition to the proposed increases to the solid waste service rates; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by street address or assessor's parcel number (APN)); and (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk at 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446, or at the Public Hearing on May 19, 2020 (date, time, and location noted above), provided they are received prior to the close of the Public Hearing, which will occur when the public testimony on the proposed increases and adjustments is concluded. Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any written protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk, Attn: Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rate Increases.

The City Council will hear and consider all written protests and oral comments to the proposed rate increases at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the rate increases to the City's solid waste service fees as described in this notice. If written protests against the proposed rate increases and adjustments to the solid waste service fees as outlined above are not presented by a majority of property owners of the identified parcels and tenants upon which the solid waste service fee are proposed to be imposed, the City Council will be authorized to impose the respective rate increases and adjustments.

If adopted, the proposed rate increases to the solid waste service fees will be in effect beginning July 1, 2020, with increases annually thereafter on January 1st for four years, as shown in the table above. For more information or questions about the proposed solid waste service rate increases, you may contact the Department of Public Works at (805) 237-3861 or visit the website for the Paso Robles solid waste rates at www.prcity.com/solidwaste.

	Other Fees per Occurrence					
Residential						
40 gal extra p/u at curb	\$7.95	\$8.65	\$9.41	\$9.98	\$10.28	\$10.58
60 gal extra pickup	\$10.50	\$11.42	\$12.43	\$13.17	\$13.57	\$13.97
90 gal extra p/u at curb	\$11.63	\$12.65	\$13.76	\$14.58	\$15.02	\$15.47
Extra bag	\$3.80	\$4.13	\$4.50	\$4.77	\$4.91	\$5.06
Go Back	\$8.59	\$9.34	\$10.16	\$10.77	\$11.09	\$11.43
Overfull container ^(f)	\$3.80	\$4.13	\$4.50	\$4.77	\$4.91	\$5.06
Additional Residential Recycle/GW container	\$10.00	\$10.88	\$11.84	\$12.55	\$12.92	\$13.31
Commercial ^(c, d, h)						
Extra waste, per yard	\$17.43	\$18.96	\$20.62	\$21.86	\$22.52	\$23.19
3yd Rent-A-Bin delivery and removal	\$67.70	\$95.42	\$103.79	\$110.02	\$113.32	\$116.72
3yd Rent-A-Bin switch out	\$80.12	\$87.17	\$94.82	\$100.51	\$103.53	\$106.63
4yd Rent-A-Bin delivery and removal	\$104.92	\$114.15	\$124.18	\$131.63	\$135.58	\$139.64
4yd Rent-A-Bin switch out	\$95.85	\$104.29	\$113.45	\$120.25	\$123.86	\$127.58
Go back	\$14.96	\$16.27	\$17.70	\$18.76	\$19.33	\$19.91
Rent-A-Bin daily rent ⁽ⁱ⁾	\$3.80	\$4.13	\$4.50	\$4.77	\$4.91	\$5.06
Locked Bin - per dump	\$3.80	\$4.13	\$4.50	\$4.77	\$4.91	\$5.06
Delay Charge per hour ^(k)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Overweight Bin Fee per yard ^(e)	\$15.00	\$16.32	\$17.75	\$18.82	\$19.38	\$19.96
Overfull container ^(f)	\$3.80	\$4.13	\$4.50	\$4.77	\$4.91	\$5.06
Rolloff						
Bin rent per day ⁽ⁱ⁾	\$5.65	\$6.14	\$6.68	\$7.08	\$7.30	\$7.52
Delay Charge per hour	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Non service fee ^(l)	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Overweight charge	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
All						
Removal Fee, stopped service	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Collections fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Failed attempt to removal container up to 3x	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Unreturned or damaged container	Company Cost	Company Cost	Company Cost	Company Cost	Company Cost	Company Cost
> 90 Days Past Due Charge per month on delinquent accounts	\$5.00	\$5.44	\$5.92	\$6.27	\$6.46	\$6.65
Compacted Tonnage	\$62.53	\$62.53	\$62.53	\$62.53	\$62.53	\$62.53
Uncompacted Tonnage	\$74.79	\$74.79	\$74.79	\$74.79	\$74.79	\$74.79
Mattress/Boxspring/Sofa	\$15.94	\$15.94	\$15.94	\$15.94	\$15.94	\$15.94
Appliance in Container	\$18.39	\$18.39	\$18.39	\$18.39	\$18.39	\$18.39
Appliance w/Freon in Container	\$34.33	\$34.33	\$34.33	\$34.33	\$34.33	\$34.33
Auto/light truck tires	\$3.98	\$3.98	\$3.98	\$3.98	\$3.98	\$3.98
Commercial truck tire	\$7.66	\$7.66	\$7.66	\$7.66	\$7.66	\$7.66

Notes:

(a) Maximum Service Rates per Council action; Resolution 15-098 dated July 21, 2015.

(b) Monthly rates shown do not include IWMA surcharge and property purchase surcharge

(c) Additional Commercial Recycle Container: Commercial refuse service includes a single recycle container of customer's choice up to the volume and frequency of the subscribed refuse service. Customers requesting a recycle container larger than the refuse container, an additional container, or additional pickup frequency beyond the refuse service frequency will be charged 25% of the difference between customer's current refuse service and the refuse service of the size and frequency requested. (E.g., a customer with 3-yd once per week refuse service may have up to a 3-yd once per week recycle service. If customer wanted a 4-yd recycle once per week, they would be charged 25% of the difference between 3-yard 1X/week service and 4-yard 1X/week service.)

(d) Additional Commercial Green Waste Container: Commercial refuse service includes a single green waste container of customer's choice up to the volume and frequency of the subscribed refuse service. Customers requesting a green waste container larger than the refuse container, an additional container, or additional pickup frequency beyond the refuse service frequency will be charged 50% of the difference between customer's current refuse service and the refuse service of the size and frequency requested. (E.g., a customer with 3-yd once per week refuse service may have up to a 3-yd once per week green waste service. If customer wanted a 4-yd green waste once per week, they would be charged 50% of the difference between 3-yard 1X/week service and 4-yard 1X/week service.)

(e) Overweight Bin Fee: Applies to refuse bins weighing greater than 300lbs per yard

(f) Overfull Container Charge: Container lids must be able to fully close.

(g) Roll Off Rates: Service fee applies plus minimum dump fees of two, three, and five tons of disposal for 20-yard, 30-yard, and 40-yard boxes, respectively, at the then-current tonnage rate. In the event tonnage exceeds the included amount, extra tonnage will be charged at the current approved rate.

(h) Split Bins: Split bins are commercial bins with a center divider that allows on half of the bin to hold refuse, the other half is for recyclables. Split bins allow recycle service for customers with space for only one bin. Split bins will be charged at 65% the refuse rate for the equivalent sized refuse service.

(i) Daily Rent, Roll-off and Rent-a-bins: Roll-off and Rent-a-bin rates include 10 days of rent beginning the day after delivery or service. After 10 days, the daily rent is applied.

(j) Roll-off non-service fee: Roll-off boxes not serviced within a 30 day period will be charged a \$125 non-service fee in addition to rent.

(k) Delay Charges: Delay charges will be applied to commercial and roll-off customers causing unreasonable delays to the collection vehicle. Examples include requesting the collection truck wait while a car blocking the container is moved, or, requesting the collection truck wait while container is pulled or refilled.