

RESOLUTION 22-087

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
APPROVING ADJUSTMENTS TO LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

WHEREAS, the City owns the Paso Robles Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (hereafter Landfill). Pacific Waste Services (PWS) operates the Landfill for the City.

WHEREAS, the Landfill is a self-supporting operation. The Landfill generates revenue through payment of tipping fees at the Landfill gate (hereafter tipping fees). The City occasionally adjusts tipping fees, so that Landfill revenues keep up with expenses and other changes. Tipping fees may be adjusted by City Council resolution.

WHEREAS, the City has not completed a comprehensive adjustment to tipping fees since 2018. Since that time, several changes point to the need for an adjustment to tipping fees. These changes include:

- a. Increased operational costs associated with inflation and Senate Bill (SB) 1383 organics recycling regulations. These costs are documented in a recent amendment to the landfill operating agreement with PWS and include new efforts such as construction and operation of a composting facility at the Landfill;
- b. A slowdown in year-over-year increases in waste tonnage entering the Landfill;
- c. A need to move ahead with partial final closure of the inactive southern one-third of the Landfill site, and also ensure revenues are sufficient to cover the full cost of Landfill closure in the future;
- d. A need to incentivize Landfill customers to segregate their organic waste from other solid waste; and
- e. A need to offset a temporary reduction of Franchise Fee payments from Paso Waste & Recycle.

WHEREAS, other landfills in San Luis Obispo County have recently increased their tipping fees, leaving Paso Robles Landfill with the lowest tipping fees in the county.

WHEREAS, staff requested PWS prepare a comparison of the City's various tipping fees to nearby landfills and recommend modest adjustments. PWS prepared a report and proposed reasonable adjustments to tipping fees.

WHEREAS, the proposed tipping fees do not exceed the reasonable cost of disposing waste in the Landfill, and are only charged on those that dispose such waste in the Landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

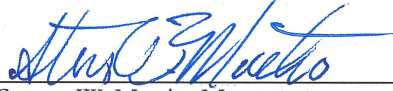
Section 2. Landfill tipping fees are adjusted according to the following table, effective July 1, 2022:

| Waste Category | Current Tipping Fee | New Tipping Fee |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| Compacted Refuse | \$51 per ton | \$53 per ton |
| Uncompacted Refuse | \$61 per ton | \$63 per ton |
| Transfer Trailer Refuse | \$41 per ton | \$43 per ton |
| Residential Self & Commercial Hauler (<1000 pounds) | \$30 minimum | \$35 minimum |
| Segregated Recyclable Organics (<1000 pounds) | N/A (new category) | \$30 minimum |
| Segregated Recyclable Organics (>1000 pounds) | N/A (new category) | \$61 per ton |

Fees for waste categories not listed above shall remain the same.

APPROVED this 21st day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Hamon, Strong, Garcia, Gregory, Martin



Steven W. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Boyer, City Clerk