

City of Arts & Innovation

CITY OF RIVERSIDE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 18, 2018, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, an open and public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Riverside in the Art Pick Council Chamber, City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California to consider proposed increases to the City's residential and commercial trash rates. At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all protests and objections concerning these matters and will consider and may adopt the rate increases. **If you live in a multi-family housing unit or apartment and you do not currently pay the City for trash service, this notice may not apply to you. Review your utilities account and/or lease to determine how you pay for trash service. For more information, please call (951) 826-5311.**

Protest of Proposed Rate

To protest the proposed rate increase, written protests must be received by the City Clerk at or before the close of the public hearing. Written protests may be submitted via mail or hand-delivered to the Riverside City Clerk at City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California 92522. Protests will also be accepted via email at City_Clerk@RiversideCa.gov. Each protest must identify the utility services address for the affected property (by assessor's parcel number or street address), indicate that the protest is related to the proposed trash rate increases, and include the name of the person submitting. Each service address may submit no more than one written protest. Protests received by telephone or on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present written protests or oral comments to the proposed trash rate increases. However, oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as a formal protest of the proposed trash rate increases unless accompanied by a written protest setting forth the required information. If written protests are received from a majority of the affected parcels, the proposed rate increases will not be implemented.

EN ESPAÑOL: Para informacion sobre este anuncio en español, por favor llamenos al (951) 826-5311.

Questions Regarding Proposed Rate Action

If you have questions regarding the proposed trash rate increases, or how to submit a written protest, please contact Riverside Customer Service by phone (951) 826-5311 or by email at CallCenter@RiversideCa.gov. If requested, this Notice and supporting materials will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.

Why are trash rates changing?

The City of Riverside is responsible for providing high-quality and comprehensive solid waste management services to our residents and businesses to preserve the health, welfare, and sustainability of our community and to meet state regulatory requirements. Riverside offers a variety of recycling programs and services to meet customer needs and state mandates. However, like many other cities throughout California and the U.S., the City of Riverside waste system is facing challenges due to external factors such as state increases in minimum wage rates, state mandated health care coverages, new regulations requiring mandatory business recycling programs, and higher degrees of processing of trash and organics (greenwaste and foodwaste). Funds from the rates will enable the City and its contract haulers to address those increasing costs and meet state mandates. These rates are proposed through June 30, 2020.

How Are Rates Adjusted?

This proposal includes a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment with an extraordinary adjustment for

waste processing only. CPI only increases will apply to the base rate (cost of collection), disposal (set by the County), franchise fees (set by contract), and city costs (waste system oversight and portions of street sweeping). The extraordinary adjustment applies to the processing/sorting of trash, organics, and recycling to cover costs increasing at rates faster than inflation.

What is CPI?

CPI, regulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (BLS) is a commonly accepted economic indicator of inflationary price changes using a market basket of goods and services for prescribed geographic areas. Until this year, Riverside fell under the BLS Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Geographic Area. In 2018, BLS eliminated that geographic area and split it into two new areas. Riverside is now part the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario area. Given the timing of this request, the CPI adjustment factor applied under this proposal is the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County geographic area as defined in the existing waste contracts. Future adjustments will apply the new geographic area.

Even with these adjustments, the City of Riverside remains very competitive with neighboring cities.

The proposed rates are as follows with an estimated implementation of January 1, 2019:

Estimated Monthly Residential Rates

| Service | Current | January 1, 2019 | July 1, 2019 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| Standard Curbside/Disabled | \$23.68 | \$26.01 | + Change in CPI* |
| Mobilhome/Apt | \$13.74 | \$14.70 | + Change in CPI* |
| Driveway | \$33.02 | \$35.69 | + Change in CPI* |
| Backyard | \$39.90 | \$42.82 | + Change in CPI* |
| Condo/Townhouse | \$14.91 | \$15.92 | + Change in CPI* |
| Extra Container (Brown – Trash) | \$10.10 | \$10.93 | + Change in CPI* |
| Extra Container (Green – Yardwaste) | \$ 4.07 | \$ 5.21 | + Change in CPI* |
| Extra Container (Blue – Recycling) | \$ 1.95 | \$ 2.02 | + Change in CPI* |

*CPI = 2019 rates will be based on Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario geographic area.


Estimated Monthly Commercial Rates for Standard and Common Service Levels

All commercial rates are based upon a 3 cubic yard bin picked up once a week. The table below also provides examples of proposed rates for other common commercial service levels, including roll off bin rentals.

| Service Level | Current | January 1, 2019 | July 1, 2019 |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| 2 CY Bin 1X/Wk | \$ 77.00 | \$ 81.44 | + Change in CPI* (plus Landfill Tip Fees, set by Riv. County) |
| 3 CY Bin 1X/Wk | \$108.45 | \$114.70 | + Change in CPI* (plus Landfill Tip Fees, set by Riv. County) |
| 3 CY Bin 2X/Wk | \$193.12 | \$204.25 | + Change in CPI* (plus Landfill Tip Fees, set by Riv. County) |
| 3 CY Bin 3X/Wk | \$273.34 | \$289.09 | + Change in CPI* (plus Landfill Tip Fees, set by Riv. County) |
| 4 CY Bin 1X/Wk | \$138.39 | \$146.37 | + Change in CPI* (plus Landfill Tip Fees, set by Riv. County) |
| Rolloff Box (40 Yd) | \$144.55 per load plus tonnage charges | \$149.77 per load plus tonnage charges | + Change in CPI* (plus Landfill Tip Fees, set by Riv. County) |

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For more information on solid waste and recycling services, please visit our website at <http://www.riversideca.gov/publicworks/trash/> or call (951) 826-5311.


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 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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