



PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE RATE PLAN THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Public Works Department

City Council
September 15, 2020

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BACKGROUND

Steps taken towards proposed rate increase:



1. January 2019 – Finance Committee requested City staff input on potential savings as a result of Public Works Performance Audit Findings;



2. March 13, 2019 – Staff presented findings to Finance Committee;



3. Summer 2019 – Onsite meetings, field observations, contract reviews, draft report prep by consultant retained for independent study;



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4. November 13, 2019 – Findings presented to Finance Committee;

5. January 14, 2020 – Solid Waste Study presented & City Council recommended:

- ✓ Retain City Collection Staff to service 2/3 of residential customers - **COMPLETED**
- ✓ Update Municipal Code to ensure compliance with State - **COMPLETED**
- ✓ Issue RFP for remaining 1/3 of residential customers serviced by Burrtec & all commercial collection services - **ONGOING**
- ✓ Modify existing contracts to align dates ensure compliance with State regulations - **COMPLETED**
- ✓ Return with residential & commercial rate plans to support operational improvements & programs to ensure regulatory compliance - **COMPLETED**



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6. June 16, 2020 – City Council authorized staff to prepare & mail notice of proposed residential & commercial trash increases per Proposition 218 procedural compliance; and



7. July 28, 2020 – Notices were mailed via First Class Mail & published in the Press Enterprise on August 18 and August 25, 2020.



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DISCUSSION POINTS *(PRESENTED BY R3)*

Factors Impacting Costs/Rates

1. Need to adequately fund City's municipal operations
2. External Factors
3. State Legislation

Residential Collection Services

1. Staff & equipment for additional routes
2. Proposed rate adjustments

Commercial Collection Services

1. Recycling & Organics compliance
2. Proposed rate adjustments



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider all oral comments and written protests to the proposed rate increase for residential and commercial refuse rates through June 30, 2025; and
2. If a majority protest does not exist, adopt a Resolution approving the residential and commercial rate structure from October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.



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