

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Land Use Planning
PROGRAM: Solid Waste Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Rate increase request from Humbert's Refuse

<p>Background: Humbert's Refuse has submitted a rate increase request. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee has reviewed this request and voted on October 22, 2021 to recommend this rate increase request to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.</p>	<p>() INFORMATIONAL (x) <u>ACTION REQUESTED:</u> Staff is requesting that the Board review this application and vote to approve/deny this rate increase request for Humbert's Refuse.</p>
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Application from Humbert's Refuse to a rate increase request to be effective 03/01/2022
2. Letter from Humbert's Refuse to justify rate increase
3. Breakdown of all service prices showing current and proposed rates

OTHER:

- 1.

Submitted By: Gina Miller, staff liaison for the Smoke Management Committee

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Checkoffs:

- () Exec. Asst.
- (X) Dept. Head (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Budget (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal

To be notified of Meeting:
Gina Miller
Humbert's Refuse
Mike McHenry, SWAC chair

Needed at Meeting:
Gina Miller
Katy King, Humbert's Refuse

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO OFFICE MANAGER

Scheduled for meeting on: January 5, 2022

Action taken:

Follow-up:

Solid Waste Advisory Committee of Umatilla County

Franchisee Rate Change Request Worksheet

This worksheet should be utilized when a franchisee is preparing to present a rate change request to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). The SWAC meets quarterly, so please submit your request *at a SWAC meeting that is at least 90 days prior to your proposed effective date*. This time frame is required to give appropriate time for consideration of the request by the SWAC, a public notice period, and presenting the request to the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Franchisee Name: Sanford & Son LLC dba Humbert Refuse Phone #: 541-938-4188

Requested effective date: 3-1-2022 Date received by SWAC: 10/06/2021

Step 1: Franchisee will submit written request for a rate increase with the following information:

- a) Letter of request detailing need for request, date of last increase, requested effective date, and intended use of revenue generated by this rate increase; and
- b) Spreadsheet of current rates and proposed rates.

SWAC may request additional information from the franchisee if it feels that the justification given is not adequate for the rate increase.

Step 2: The Committee will review the request and interview the franchisee at a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. The Committee will determine if the request complies with Umatilla County Ordinance Chapter 50 Section 070 and that the information is complete for publication.

Step 3: The County will publish the Public Notice in the East Oregonian (official media source for the County). The franchisee requesting the rate increase will be billed for the cost of this public notice. The requesting franchisee will be responsible for posting this same public notice for a period of 14 calendar days in three (3) prominent places in the service area affected.

** Note: Public notices should contain the following: schedule of current and proposed rates, statement of whether this will increase or decrease the present rates, and an invitation to the public to submit written remonstrances to the Committee, due before the expiration of the public notice period (14 days from date of publishing).*

Step 4(a): If there are remonstrances the Committee shall, within 30 days of the publishing of the notice, hold a public hearing on the proposed rate or schedule. If there are no remonstrances timely filed, the Committee shall forthwith recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it establish, modify and establish as modified, or deny the proposed rate schedule.

Step 4(b): Any interested party may present evidence at the public hearing. The Committee may require the franchisee to produce additional information, as the Committee deems appropriate. Following the public hearing, the Committee must make their recommendation (approve, modify, or deny) to the Board of Commissioners within 7 days.

Step 5: Within 14 days of receiving the Committee's recommendations, the BOC shall, by order, establish, modify or deny the proposed rate increase.

Comments: The applicant has changed the effective date for this rate increase to 03/01/2022 to align with their quarterly billing system.



Humbert Refuse

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humbertrefuse@outlook.com**

October 11, 2021

Umatilla County Board of Commissioners
c/o Umatilla County Solid Waste Committee
216 SE Fourth Street
Pendleton, OR 97801

RE: Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners and Committee Members:

As you are aware we purchased Humbert Refuse & Recycling Inc. January of 2021. We are operating under Sanford & Son LLC dba Humbert Refuse. Our cost comparisons for the last 9 months of operations vs HR&R Inc. expenses for same timeframe in 2020 have increased 12%.

Those of you operating businesses during this "interesting" time are all aware of some of the foreseeable increases and then there have been a handful of exponential expenses, we would have not expected and are still adjusting to.

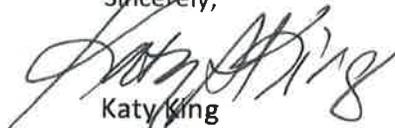
Today we are requesting a rate increase of just under 10% for the residential and commercial weekly collections service we provide. Approximately 15% increase on drop box services, provided to both residential and commercial customers within our area of operations. Rate for disposal at the landfill we are requesting additional \$10 per ton. HR&R last increased rates in June 2013 per your approval.

We are requesting this rate increase to build our reserves to continue to offer the level of service provided by our predecessors. As well as, for increased operating expenses and ongoing improvements to existing landfill site and future site upgrades to continue to meet changing demands of the industry.

Proposed effective date for the increase will be February 1, 2022.

We appreciate your time and considerations, we are ready to field any questions at next meeting.

Sincerely,



Katy King

	A	B	C	D
1	SERVICE	New Rate Jan 2022	HR&R since 2013	Amount of Increase
2	Weekly Collection 60 Gal Can	\$17.00	15.6	1.40 per month
3	Weekly Collection 60 Millcreek	\$21.46	19.68	1.78 per month
4	Weekly Collection 90 Gal Can	22.7	20.8	1.90 per month
5	Weekly Collection 90 Millcreek	26.88	24.66	2.22 per month
6	200 Gal Weekly	51.3	47.05	4.25 per month
7	300 Gal Weekly	69.1	63.45	5.65 per month
8	300 Gal 1 Per Month	22.7	20.8	1.90 per month
9	300 Gal 2 Per Month	45.4	41.6	3.80 per month
10	300 Gal On Call w/ weekly small can	22	20	2.00 per pickup
11	300 Gal On Call w/o other service	28	26	2.00 per pickup
12	300 Rent accessed Annual less # times dumped	\$100 per yr	0	New Policy
13	200 Rent accessed Annual less # times dumped	\$75 per yr	0	New Policy
14	200 Gal On Call w/ weekly small can	16	15	1.00 per pickup
15	200 Gal On Call w/o other service	22	20.8	1.20 per pickup
16	Return 90/60 Fee	15	15	no change
17	Delivery Fee On Call 200 gal/300 gal cans	15	15	no change
18	Lane Charge	4.55	4.16	0.39 per week
19	Extra 60 Gal	5.7	5.2	0.50 per pickup
20	Extra 90 Gal	7.6	6.93	0.67 per pickup
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22				
23	20 Yard Drop Box Del/Pickup	170	148	22.00 per del/pickup
24	20 Yard Drop Box Switch	112	98	14.00 per day
25	20 Yard Drop Box Rent (1st 7 Days FREE)	4	3.2	.80 per day
26	20 Yard Monthly Drop Box Rent	120	75	45.00 per month
27	30 Drop Box Yard Del/Pick up	180	157	23.00 per del/pickup
28	30 Drop Box Yard Switch	123	107	16.00 per switch
29	30 yard Drop Box Rent (1st 7 Days FREE)	4.8	3.9	1.10 per day
30	30 yard Drop Box Monthly Rate	144	80	64.00 per month
31	Solid Waste Per Ton	49.5	39.5	10.00 per ton
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Lines 12-13 Annual Rent for Larger On Call - \$100.00 for 300 gal & \$75.00 for 200 gal Cans

Example: \$100 annual rent minus 3 times dumped in the year

$$\$100.00 - \$60.00 = \$40.00 \text{ rent charged once a year in Oct}$$

Humbert Refuse will access number of times dumped from Oct 2020 to Sept 2021, each year going forward. Cost to replace these cans is approximately \$500.00 per can, we don't want them just sitting not being used. This rent does NOT apply to larger cans with weekly or monthly service charges on that can already. You must have small 60 or 90 gal service with us to have a 200 or 300 gal On Call (OC).

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approving)
Increase in Collection and) Order No. BCC2022-002
Disposal Rates for Sanford &)
Son LLC, dba Humbert Refuse)

WHEREAS pursuant to Umatilla County Code of Ordinances §50.070, establishment of rates, and any increase in rates, charged by a franchisee for its service shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners;

WHEREAS Sanford & Son LCC doing business as Humbert Refuse has been granted a collection franchise and a disposal franchise for the east area of Umatilla County;

WHEREAS Humbert Refuse proposed to increase its rates for collection and disposal within its franchised area and submitted a written proposal for the increase to the Umatilla County Solid Waste Committee;

WHEREAS at its meeting October 22, 2021, the Solid Waste Committee reviewed and approved the proposed rate increase as it was justified due to a reasonable change in the franchisee's cost of doing business with increase in costs;

WHEREAS the proposed rate was published in the East Oregonian on December 11, 2021, and also posted at Ranch & Home, Wayside Market (84256 Highway 11), the post offices in Athena, Weston, Helix and Adams, Tate's Market (51604 Highway 332), the city halls of Adams, Athena and Weston, and at the offices of Humbert Refuse in Milton-Freewater and Athena.

WHEREAS no objections to the proposed rate increase has been received by the Solid Waste Committee, and it recommends approval of the proposed rate increase;

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes at its meeting January 5, 2022, found the changes justified, and voted to approve the change.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders that collection fees and disposal fees for Sanford & Son LLC doing business as Humbert Refuse within its franchised area shall, effective March 1, 2022, be as follows:

LANDFILL - per ton \$49.50

DROPBOX DELIVERY

20 yard drop box - Del/Pickup	\$170.00
20 yard drop box - per switch	112.00
20 yard drop box rent (First 7 days free)	4.00
20 yard drop box monthly rate	120.00
30 yard drop box - Del/Pickup	180.00
30 yard drop box - per switch	123.00
30 yard drop box rent (First 7 days free)	4.80
30 yard drop box monthly rate	144.00

WEEKLY SERVICE

60 Gallon - per month	\$17.00
90 Gallon - per month	22.70
200 Gallon - per month	51.30
300 Gallon - per month	69.10
60 Gallon - per month - Mill Creek	21.46
90 Gallon - per month - Mill Creek	26.88

OTHER SERVICES

300 Gallon - 1 per month	\$22.70
300 Gallon - 2 per month	45.40
300 Gallon - rent assessed annually less number times dumped	100/year
200 Gallon - rent assessed annually less number times dumped	75/year
200 Gallon - on call - weekly small can	16.00
200 Gallon - on call - without other	22.00
Return 60/90 fee	15.00
Delivery fee - on call - 200/300 can	15.00
Lane change - per week	4.55
Extra 60 Gallon - per pickup	5.70
Extra 90 Gallon - per pickup	7.60

DATED this 5th day of January, 2022.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John M. Shafer, Chair

Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

George L. Murdock, Commissioner

ATTEST:
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

Records Officer