

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only

(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Planning Department/Solid Waste Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Rate increase request from Sanitary Disposal (Hermiston area franchise holder)

Background: Sanitary Disposal, a solid waste franchise holder in Umatilla County, has submitted a rate increase request to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). On July 12, 2022, the SWAC voted to recommend this rate increase request to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. It was published in the East Oregonian on August 20, 2022 for a 14 day public notice period. There were no written responses submitted. This request is before you today for consideration.

Requested Action: The SWAC requests that the Board of Commissioners vote on this proposed rate increase request to;

- 1) Approve the rate increase Order No. BCC2022-050
- 2) Deny the rate increase

ATTACHMENTS: Rate increase request, copy of public notice

Date (08/22 /2022)

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Head (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:  
 Gina Miller  
 Mike McHenry, SWAC Chair  
 Kevin Miracle, Franchise Representative

Needed at meeting:  
 Same as above

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Scheduled for meeting on: September 7, 2022

Action taken:

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Follow-up:



WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.  
*Connect with the Future®*

July 11th, 2022

Umatilla County Solid Waste Committee  
C/O Gina Miller, Umatilla County Planning Dept.  
216 SE Fourth Street  
Pendleton, OR 97801

RE: Rate Adjustment Application for Solid Waste and Recycling Services

Sanitary Disposal is not immune to the cost pressures and supply chain issues that have affected most businesses and consumers over the past year. We believe that it is appropriate for the County to provide a reasonable increase in rates to allow us to meet and improve upon the service commitments established by the Jewett family many years ago. At a time when inflation is running in excess of eight percent annually, we request an overall rate increase of 5.5%, effective November 1, 2022.

Since Waste Connections purchased Sanitary Disposal in December 2021, we are not in a position to present the same rate package you would have likely received from the former owners. Umatilla County last awarded Sanitary Disposal a rate increase of 7% in September 2019. At that time, the resulting revenue was intended to cover the costs of operations with a reasonable profit margin. Between July 2020 and March 2022, the Consumer Price Index-Urban Consumers for the Western US (CPI-U) has increased nearly 14%. A copy of this index accompanies this letter. As those costs have climbed, rates have remained static. It is time to bring the rates and revenues more in line with the increased costs.

Waste Connections is making substantial capital expenditures to modernize the fleet and collection methods. We are introducing a new billing and computer system. We are upgrading the safety profile of the company with tools like onboard cameras and sensors that help us to coach drivers and improve safe driving behaviors that protect both the drivers and the customers we serve. We have invested over \$1M in new equipment and training in the seven months that we've owned the Company. Some of this capital investment allows us to be more efficient, some improves the customer experience, and some simply provides a safer work environment for our employees and the public.

Under these circumstances we believe a 5.5% increase to the rates is a fair and necessary adjustment that allows us to complete at least one full year of operations, at which time we will be in a better position to affirm baseline rates. Once we establish a reasonable baseline under Waste Connections, we prefer to link future rate adjustments to the CPI-U index to keep adjustments small and manageable.

In the meantime, Waste Connections looks forward to becoming an integral part of this community. We place a high value on employee engagement in local activities, and we work hard to energize our



**Umatilla County**  
**Proposed 2022 Price Increase**  
**Effective November 1, 2022**

<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
35 GAL CART 1X	\$13.40	\$14.14	5.5%
SENIOR 35 GAL CART 1X	\$11.75	\$12.40	5.5%
2-35 GAL CART 1X	\$26.80	\$28.27	5.5%
90 GAL CART 1X	\$20.10	\$21.21	5.5%
2-90 GAL CART 1X	\$40.20	\$42.41	5.5%
3-90 GAL CART 1X	\$60.30	\$63.62	5.5%
EXTRA CAN, BAG, BOX	\$2.75	\$2.90	5.5%
 <b>COMMERCIAL</b>			
35 GAL CART 1X	\$13.40	\$14.14	5.5%
90 GAL CART 1X	\$25.00	\$26.38	5.5%
2-90 GAL CART 1X	\$50.00	\$52.75	5.5%
3-90 GAL CART 1X	\$75.00	\$79.15	5.5%
4-90 GAL CART 1X	\$100.00	\$105.50	5.5%
1.5 YD CONT 1X	\$83.25	\$87.83	5.5%
1.5 YD CONT 2X	\$158.35	\$167.06	5.5%
1.5 YD CONT 3X	\$233.45	\$246.29	5.5%
2-1.5 YD CONT 1X	\$166.50	\$175.66	5.5%
2-1.5 YD CONT 2X	\$316.70	\$334.12	5.5%
4-1.5 YD CONT 1X	\$333.00	\$351.32	5.5%
1 2YD CONT 1X	\$108.25	\$114.20	5.5%
1 2YD CONT 2X	\$206.90	\$218.28	5.5%
1 2YD CONT 3X	\$305.55	\$322.36	5.5%
1 2YD CONT 4X	\$404.20	\$426.43	5.5%
1 2YD CONT 6X	\$601.50	\$634.58	5.5%
2-2YD CONT 1X	\$216.50	\$228.41	5.5%
2-2YD CONT 2X	\$413.80	\$436.56	5.5%
3-2YD CONT 1X	\$324.75	\$342.61	5.5%
RECYC CONT 1X	\$10.92	\$11.12	5.5%
2-RECYC CONT 1X	\$21.64	\$22.83	5.5%
3-RECYC CONT 1X	\$32.46	\$34.25	5.5%
OVERFILL- MINIMUM	\$1.50	\$1.58	5.5%

**DROPBOX- (NON-COMPACTED)**

Delivery Fee (per hour)		\$74.10	\$78.18	5.5%
Minimum		\$40.00	\$42.20	5.5%

Dropboxes weighing up to 5 tons:  
Zone #1 - Within 3 miles of Transfer Station

Haul Fee		\$63.85	\$67.36	5.5%
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Disposal Fee :

By Cubic Yard		\$6.00	\$6.33	5.5%
By Ton		\$66.00	\$69.63	5.5%

Dropboxes weighing up to 5 tons:  
Zone #2 - Outside 3 miles of Transfer Station

Haul Fee:	Per Hour	\$74.10	\$78.18	5.5%
Minimum		\$83.85	\$88.46	5.5%

Disposal Fee :

By Cubic Yard		\$6.00	\$6.33	5.5%
By Ton		\$66.00	\$69.63	5.5%

Dropboxes weighing 5 tons and greater:

Haul Fee:	Per Hour	\$74.10	\$78.18	5.5%
Minimum		\$215.35	\$227.19	5.5%

Disposal Fee :

By Ton		\$36.50	\$38.51	5.5%
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**DROPBOX- (COMPACTED)**

Compacted dropboxes weighing up to 5 tons.

Haul Fee:	Per Hour	\$74.10	\$78.18	5.5%
Minimum		\$83.85	\$88.46	5.5%

Disposal Fee :

By Cubic Yard		\$6.00	\$6.33	5.5%
By Ton		\$66.00	\$69.63	5.5%

Compacted dropboxes weighing 5 tons and greater:

Haul Fee:		\$231.35	\$244.07	5.5%
Minimum				

Disposal Fee :

By Ton		\$36.50	\$38.51	5.5%
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**DEMURRAGE**

Charge per box after 7th day		\$4.35	\$4.59	5.5%
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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approving                    )  
Increase in Collection Rates                )     Order No. BCC2022-050  
for Sanitary Disposal                        )

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 Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc. doing business as Sanitary Disposal has been granted a collection franchise for the west area of Umatilla County;

WHEREAS the franchisee proposed to increase its rates 5.5 percent for collection and submitted a written proposal for the increase to the Umatilla County Solid Waste Committee;

WHEREAS at its meeting July 12, 2022, the Solid Waste Committee reviewed and approved the proposed rate increases as they were 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 August 20, 2022, a copy of which affidavit of publication is attached, and posted at Stafford Hansell Government Center (915 SE Columbia Drive), Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station, and at the office of Sanitary Disposal;

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

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes at its meeting September 7, 2022, found the changes justified, and voted to approve the change.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders that fees for Sanitary Disposal, Inc. shall, effective November 1, 2022, be as follows:

RESIDENTIAL

35 Gallon Curbside Cart - Weekly Service	
Residential curb	\$14.14
Senior citizens on limited income curb	12.40
Two carts	28.27
90 Gallon Curbside Cart - Weekly Service	
Residential curb	21.21
Two carts	42.41
Three carts	63.62
Extra can, bag, box	2.90

COMMERCIAL SERVICE

35 Gallon Cart - Weekly Service	\$14.14
90 Gallon Curbside Cart - Weekly Service	
One cart	26.38
Two carts	52.75
Three carts	79.15
Four carts	105.50

Commercial loose solid waste

1.5 Yard container - once a week pickup	87.83
1.5 Yard container - twice a week pickup	167.06
1.5 Yard container - three a week pickup	246.29
2-1.5 Yard container - once a week pickup	175.66
3-1.5 Yard container - twice a week pickup	334.12
4-1.5 Yard container - three a week pickup	351.32
2 Yard container - once a week pickup	114.20
2 Yard container - twice a week pickup	218.28
2 Yard container - three a week pickup	322.36
2 Yard container - four a week pickup	426.43
2 Yard container - six a week pickup	634.58
2-2 Yard container - once a week pickup	228.41
2-2 Yard container - twice a week pickup	436.56
3-2 Yard container - once a week pickup	342.61

Recycling container - Weekly Service

One container	11.42
Two containers	22.83
Three containers	34.25
Overfill - minimum	1.58

