

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

() Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Land Use Planning

PROGRAM: Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

SUBJECT: Sanitary Disposal Rate Increase Request

Background: Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc dba Sanitary Disposal has submitted a request for a rate increase to be effective July 1, 2025. The SWAC met on April 8, 2025 and again on May 6, 2025 in Executive Session and voted to recommend the 30 % rate increase to the Board of Commission for action (approval or denial).

() INFORMATIONAL:

(X) ACTION REQUESTED: Review a rate increase request submitted by Waste Connections of Oregon dba Sanitary Disposal/Desert Winds and vote yea/nay to approve the 30 % rate increase for a July 1, 2025 effective date.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sanitary Disposal rate increase request, letter of justification, chart of current and proposed rates
2. Minutes from SWAC meetings, excerpts pertaining to Sanitary Disposal rate increase

OTHER:

- 1.

Submitted By: Gina Miller

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Checkoffs:

- () Exec. Asst.
() Dept. Head (copy)
() Human Resources (copy)
() Budget (copy)
() Fiscal
(x) Legal
() (Other – List:

To be notified of Meeting:

Kevin Miracle, Manager of Sanitary Disposal
Mike McHenry, Chair of SWAC
Gina Miller, staff liaison

Needed at Meeting: Kevin Miracle, Gina Miller

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO OFFICE MANAGER

Scheduled for meeting on: ~~June 18, 2025~~ July 2, 2025

Action taken:

Follow-up:



WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.
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Dear Commissioners

Re: Request for Rate Adjustment July 1st, 2025

We are writing to formally request a rate adjustment of **30%**, effective **July 1st, 2025**. This request is necessary due to increased costs in several key areas, including **truck maintenance and operation, employee wages, medical insurance, parts, and cart, container, roll-off, and facility upgrades** in Umatilla County.

The key factors driving this adjustment include:

- **Trucks and Equipment-** We've seen significantly higher expenses, primarily due to the wear and tear caused by frequent driving on county roads. These conditions are taking a heavy toll on our vehicles and equipment, leading to increased repair and upkeep costs that have notably impacted our operational budget. In addition, the cost or replacement trucks and equipment continues to outpace general inflation due to supply chain constraints and the rising cost of truck and equipment components.
- **Wages** – To retain experienced and qualified drivers and staff, we have adjusted wages to stay competitive in the current labor market.
- **Medical Insurance** – The cost of providing comprehensive medical coverage for our employees has increased, reflecting broader trends in healthcare costs.
- **Parts and Supplies** – The cost of vehicle parts and other essential supplies has risen due to supply chain challenges and increased demand.
- **Cart, Container, and Roll-Off Costs** – The costs of manufacturing, maintaining, and replacing carts, containers, and roll-off boxes have risen due to higher material and production costs.
- **Facility Upgrades** – We have invested in upgrades to our facilities to improve efficiency, safety, and overall service quality. These improvements are essential for maintaining a reliable and secure operation.

We have worked diligently to absorb these rising costs while maintaining the high level of service you expect. However, to continue providing reliable and efficient service, this adjustment is necessary.

Sincerely
Kevin Miracle
District Manager
Sanitary Disposal
503-572-0259

Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc.
dba Sanitary Disposal
Proposed Umatilla County Rates
Effective July 1, 2025

SERVICE	CURRENT RATE	TOTAL INCREASE	NEW RATE	% RATE INCREASE
RESIDENTIAL				
ROLLCARTS				
Weekly- 35 Gal Cart				
- (1) cart	\$16.85	\$5.06	\$21.91	30.00%
- (1) cart Senior Rate	\$14.76	\$4.43	\$19.18	30.00%
- (2) carts	\$33.68	\$10.11	\$43.79	30.00%
- Walk-In Charge	\$6.01	\$1.80	\$7.82	30.00%
- Extra Can/Bag/Box	\$3.33	\$1.00	\$4.33	30.00%
- Overfilled Can/Cart (Minimum Charge)	\$2.13	\$0.64	\$2.77	30.00%
Weekly- 90 Gal Cart				
- (1) cart	\$25.09	\$7.53	\$32.62	30.00%
- (2) carts	\$50.18	\$15.05	\$65.24	30.00%
- (3) carts	\$75.27	\$22.58	\$97.86	30.00%
- Walk-In Charge	\$6.01	\$1.80	\$7.82	30.00%
COMMERCIAL				
CANS/ROLLCARTS				
Weekly- 35 Gal Cart				
- (1) cart	\$16.85	\$5.06	\$21.91	30.00%
- Walk-In Charge	\$6.01	\$1.80	\$7.82	30.00%
- Extra Can/Bag/Box	\$3.33	\$1.00	\$4.33	30.00%
- Overfilled Can/Cart (Minimum Charge)	\$2.13	\$0.64	\$2.77	30.00%
Weekly- 90 Gal Cart				
- (1) cart	\$31.32	\$9.40	\$40.71	30.00%
- (2) carts	\$62.62	\$18.78	\$81.40	30.00%
- (3) carts	\$93.96	\$28.19	\$122.14	30.00%
- (4) carts	\$125.23	\$37.57	\$162.80	30.00%
- Walk-In Charge	\$6.01	\$1.80	\$7.82	30.00%

SERVICE	CURRENT RATE	TOTAL INCREASE	NEW RATE	% RATE INCREASE
CONTAINERS				
(1) 1 1/2 Yd Container				
- Once a week	\$104.52	\$31.36	\$135.87	30.00%
- Twice a week	\$198.70	\$59.61	\$258.31	30.00%
- Three times a week	\$292.87	\$87.86	\$380.73	30.00%
- Four times a week	\$387.05	\$116.12	\$503.17	30.00%
- Five times a week	\$522.60	\$156.78	\$679.38	30.00%
(2) 1 1/2 Yd Containers				
- Once a week	\$209.04	\$62.71	\$271.75	30.00%
- Twice a week	\$397.39	\$119.22	\$516.60	30.00%
(4) 1 1/2 Yd Containers				
- Once a week	\$418.08	\$125.42	\$543.51	30.00%
(1) 2 Yd Container				
- Once a week	\$135.87	\$40.76	\$176.63	30.00%
- Twice a week	\$259.55	\$77.86	\$337.41	30.00%
- Three times a week	\$383.24	\$114.97	\$498.21	30.00%
- Four times a week	\$506.92	\$152.08	\$659.00	30.00%
- Six times a week	\$754.30	\$226.29	\$980.59	30.00%
(2) 2 Yd Containers				
- Once a week	\$271.74	\$81.52	\$353.26	30.00%
- Twice a week	\$519.11	\$155.73	\$674.84	30.00%
(3) 2 Yd Containers				
- Once a week	\$407.61	\$122.28	\$529.89	30.00%
RECYCLING CONTAINERS				
- (1) Recycling Container Once/wk	\$59.49	\$17.85	\$77.34	30.00%
- (2) Recycling Containers Once/wk	\$118.89	\$35.67	\$154.55	30.00%
- (3) Recycling Containers Once/wk	\$157.66	\$47.30	\$204.96	30.00%

SERVICE	CURRENT RATE	TOTAL INCREASE	NEW RATE	% RATE INCREASE
DROP BOXES				
- Delivery Fee- Per Hour	\$94.04	\$28.21	\$122.25	30.00%
- Minimum delivery fee	\$50.76	\$15.23	\$65.99	30.00%
Zone 1- Within 3 Miles of Transfer Station				
Dropboxes weighing up to 5 tons				
- Haul Fee	\$81.02	\$24.31	\$105.33	30.00%
- Disposal Fee				
- Per Cubic Yard	\$7.30	\$2.19	\$9.49	30.00%
- Per Ton	\$81.51	\$24.45	\$105.97	30.00%
Zone 2- Greater than 3 Miles from Transfer Station				
Dropboxes weighing up to 5 tons				
- Haul Fee- Per Hour	\$94.04	\$28.21	\$122.25	30.00%
- Minimum haul fee	\$106.40	\$31.92	\$138.32	30.00%
- Disposal Fee				
- Per Cubic Yard	\$7.30	\$2.19	\$9.49	30.00%
- Per Ton	\$81.51	\$24.45	\$105.97	30.00%
Dropboxes greater than 5 tons				
- Haul Fee- Per Hour	\$94.04	\$28.21	\$122.25	30.00%
- Minimum haul fee	\$273.28	\$81.98	\$355.26	30.00%
- Demurrage per day after 7 days	\$5.52	\$1.66	\$7.18	30.00%
COMPACTORS				
Compacted dropboxes weighing up to 5 tons				
- Haul Fee- Per Hour	\$94.04	\$28.21	\$122.25	30.00%
- Minimum haul fee	\$106.40	\$31.92	\$138.32	30.00%
- Disposal Fee				
- Per Cubic Yard	\$11.98	\$3.60	\$15.58	30.00%
- Per Ton	\$75.75	\$22.72	\$98.47	30.00%
Compacted dropboxes greater than 5 tons				
- Haul Fee	\$293.58	\$88.07	\$381.65	30.00%
- Disposal Fee	\$44.08	\$13.23	\$57.31	30.00%

SERVICE	CURRENT RATE	TOTAL INCREASE	NEW RATE	% RATE INCREASE
TRANSFER STATION				
Household Garbage				
- Per Yard	\$6.79	\$2.04	\$8.83	30.00%
- Per Ton	\$75.94	\$22.78	\$98.72	30.00%
- MINIMUM CHARGE (1 Yard)	\$6.79	\$2.04	\$8.83	30.00%
- 5.00-5.99 Tons	\$65.70	\$19.71	\$85.41	30.00%
- 6.00-6.99 Tons	\$61.44	\$18.43	\$79.87	30.00%
- 7.00-7.99 Tons	\$58.42	\$17.53	\$75.95	30.00%
- 8.00-8.99 Tons	\$56.13	\$16.84	\$72.97	30.00%
- 9.00-9.99 Tons	\$54.36	\$16.31	\$70.66	30.00%
- 10 Tons or greater	\$52.88	\$15.86	\$68.74	30.00%
 * TS Scale fee	 \$2.54	 \$0.76	 \$3.30	 30.00%
Sharps (Per Container)- New Rate	\$6.00	\$1.80	\$7.80	30.00%
Tarp Fee- New Rate	\$12.00	\$3.60	\$15.60	30.00%
 Bulk Items:				
- Appliances w/ Freon	\$12.69	\$3.81	\$16.50	30.00%
- Car Tire- No Rim	\$1.90	\$0.57	\$2.48	30.00%
- Car Tire- w/Rim	\$6.36	\$1.91	\$8.26	30.00%
- Truck Tire- No Rim	\$8.89	\$2.67	\$11.56	30.00%
- Truck Tire- w/Rim	\$15.23	\$4.57	\$19.79	30.00%
- Wood Pallets (per yard)	\$7.10	\$2.13	\$9.24	30.00%

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: SANITARY DISPOSAL Phone #: (541)567-8842

Requested effective date: 07/01/25 Date received by SWAC: _____

☐ **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: _____
