

City of Ukiah

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

(Please share this information with tenants)

Hearing Date & Time: December 6, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible

Hearing Location: City of Ukiah, Council Chambers

300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482

The City of Ukiah City Council (“City”) will conduct a public hearing on December 6, 2017, on proposed increases in the monthly solid waste collection and disposal (solid waste) rates applicable to all parcels in the City of Ukiah, including the parcel for which you are shown as the property owner of record based on the County of Mendocino 2016/17 Secured Tax Roll, and/or at which you are shown as the customer billed for solid waste service. If adopted, the rate increases will be reflected on utility bills dated on or after January 1, 2018, and for bills issued on or after January 1, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

This Notice of Public Hearing provides information regarding the proposed rate adjustment to the City’s solid waste collection and disposal service customers pursuant to the requirements of California Constitution Article XIII D Section 6 (commonly referred to as Proposition 218). The proposed rate adjustments will be presented to the City Council for consideration and possible adoption on December 6, 2017, commencing at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 300 Seminary Avenue. This notice also provides information on how rates are calculated, the reasons for the proposed rate adjustments, how customers can receive more information on the effect of the proposed rate adjustments on their solid waste collection and disposal service, and how to file a protest against the proposed rate adjustments. At the public hearing, the City Council will consider all written protests against the proposed fee or charge, and all other comments submitted in writing prior to the hearing or expressed during the hearing.

The Amount of the Fee Imposed on Each Parcel:

The proposed rates, as of January 2018, are outlined in the Schedule A below. During the next four years, including January 2019, January 2020, January 2021, and January 2022 the rates may increase or decrease based on the following changes to indexes and pass-through costs: (1) the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, “Water and Sewer and Trash Collection Services” (“CPI”) over the previous year June over June, (2) the percentage change, June over June of the previous year, in the Energy Information Administration Petroleum & Other Liquids index over the base year ending June 30, 2015, (3) any changes to the gate fee at the Ukiah Transfer Station, (4) any changes to costs paid by the franchisee to process recyclables, and (5) changes in regulatory fees, all in accordance with the Contract for Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Garbage, Refuse and Rubbish and Recycling of Recyclable Materials from within the City of Ukiah (“Waste Collection Contract”) between the City and Ukiah Waste Solutions, Inc., a private company. After the January 2017 rate increase, the rates will automatically increase or decrease each year in accordance with the Waste Collection Contract, which will be available for inspection at the Civic Center.

The Reason for and Basis Upon Which the Fee Increase was Calculated:

Ukiah Waste Solutions (UWS), the City’s franchised solid waste collector, has requested rate increases pursuant to Section 6.5 of the Waste Collection Contract based on cost increases and revenue decreases which are solely the result of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of UWS that it could not have been reasonably anticipated and which unavoidably adversely affect its opportunity to operate at a reasonable profit. The rate increases identified in Schedule A were calculated after considering the franchisee’s rate request, studying the reviewed financial statements and carefully evaluating the changes in costs to meet regulatory requirements, the recycling market, transportation, and other operating costs of Ukiah Waste Solutions for the year ending December 31, 2016 and two quarters ending June 30, 2017. Further detail on how these rates were calculated is available on the City’s website at <http://www.cityofukiah.com>.

Submit a Written Protest: City Clerk, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482

An owner or tenant of property receiving solid waste service from the City may protest the proposed solid waste collection and disposal rates by submitting a written protest by mail or in person to the City Clerk. Written protests must be received (not postmarked) by the City Clerk before or during the public hearing. Any protest submitted by e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. To be valid, protests must be signed by the property owner or tenant, and must identify the property by street address or Mendocino County Assessor’s Parcel Number of the property receiving solid waste service. Only one written protest per identified parcel or property will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a majority protest. In accordance with California Constitution, Article 13D, Section 6(a)(2), if, by the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed solid waste collection and disposal rates are filed by a majority of the affected property owners, the City Council will not approve the proposed solid waste rates. The City reserves the right to verify whether any person filing a protest is an owner or a renter legally obligated to pay the fee. To assist with this verification, the City requests inclusion of the applicable utility account number on the protest.

Notice of Public Hearing – Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service Rate (continued)

The following schedule indicates the existing and proposed monthly solid waste service rates for residential service to each parcel in the City of Ukiah, beginning January 1, 2018:

SCHEDULE A

Effective Date January 1, 2018

SUMMARY OF RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR STANDARD SERVICES

YEAR 2018	Current	New	Total Monthly
Service Level	2017	2018	Adjustment
	Rate	Rate	
<u>Curbside Service</u>			
No Service Minimum Charge	\$ 5.25	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.75
10 gallon can rate*	\$ 5.25	N/A	\$ -
20 gallon can rate*	\$ 10.48	N/A	\$ -
32 gallon can rate	\$ 18.82	\$ 18.63	\$ (0.19)
68 gallon can rate	\$ 44.47	\$ 44.03	\$ (0.44)
95 gallon can rate	\$ 62.65	\$ 62.02	\$ (0.63)
Other combinations - rate per gallon	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.73	\$ -
1 yard bin rate	\$ 124.55	\$ 131.80	\$ 7.25
1.5 yard bin rate	\$ 147.17	\$ 155.74	\$ 8.57
2 yard bin rate	\$ 196.25	\$ 207.67	\$ 11.42
3 yard bin rate	\$ 294.35	\$ 311.48	\$ 17.13
4 yard bin rate	\$ 392.47	\$ 415.31	\$ 22.84
6 yard bin rate	\$ 588.71	\$ 622.97	\$ 34.26
<u>Packout Service</u>			
32 gallon can rate	\$ 23.06	\$ 24.40	\$ 1.34
68 gallon can rate	\$ 54.16	\$ 57.31	\$ 3.15
95 gallon can rate	\$ 78.24	\$ 82.79	\$ 4.55
Other combinations - rate per gallon	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.05
<u>Remote Area Service</u>			
Add to the Packout Service rate.	\$ 7.69	\$ 8.14	\$ 0.45
In areas with limited access, an additional fee is charged to fund the costs of special equipment and special handling necessary to provide garbage pickup services. This fee is in addition to the "Packout Service" fee listed in this schedule.			

*10 and 20-gallon containers and rates will no longer be available to new customers, effective January 1, 2018. Existing customers with these containers may continue to use them at the new 32-gallon can rate or receive a 32-gallon replacement.