



City of Arts & Innovation

## CITY OF RIVERSIDE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES

**NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN** that on September 15, 2020, at 1 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, a virtual and/or in-person public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Riverside in the Art Pick Council Chamber, City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California to consider proposed increases to the City's residential and commercial trash rates. At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all protests and objections concerning these matters and will consider and may adopt the rate increases. **If you live in a multi-family housing unit or apartment and you do not currently pay the City for trash service, this notice may not apply to you. Review your utilities account and/or lease to determine how you pay for trash service. For more information, please call (951) 826-5311.**

### **Protest of Proposed Rate**

To protest the proposed rate increase, written protests must be received by the City at or before the close of the public hearing. Written protests may be submitted via mail to the Riverside City Clerk at City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California, 92522. Protests will also be accepted via email at [City\\_Clerk@RiversideCa.gov](mailto:City_Clerk@RiversideCa.gov). Each protest must identify the utility services address for the affected property (by assessor's parcel number or street address), indicate that the protest is related to the proposed trash rate increases, and include the name of the person submitting. Each service address may submit no more than one written protest. Protests received by telephone or on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter will NOT be accepted. All interested parties are invited to participate by calling 951-826-8600 at 1 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. In person comments at the Art Pick Council Chamber may also be available. Interested parties may watch the hearing via live webcast and present written protests or oral or telephonic comments to the proposed trash rate increases. However, oral and telephonic comments at the public hearing will not qualify as a formal protest of the proposed trash rate increases unless accompanied by a written protest setting forth the required information. If written protests are received from a majority of the affected parcels, the proposed rate increases will not be implemented.

**EN ESPAÑOL: Para información sobre este anuncio en español, por favor llámenos al (951) 826-5311.**

### **Questions Regarding Proposed Rate Action**

If you have questions regarding the proposed trash rate increases, or how to submit a written protest, please contact Riverside Customer Service by phone (951) 826-5311 or by email at [CallCenter@RiversideCa.gov](mailto:CallCenter@RiversideCa.gov). If requested, this Notice and supporting materials will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.

### **Why are trash rates changing?**

The City of Riverside is responsible for providing high-quality and comprehensive solid waste management services to our residents and businesses to preserve the health, welfare, and sustainability of our community and to meet state regulatory requirements. Riverside offers a variety of recycling programs and services to meet customer needs and state mandates. However, like many other cities throughout California and the U.S., the City of Riverside waste system is facing challenges due to external factors such as state increases in minimum wage rates, state mandated health care coverages, equipment requirements, and regulations requiring mandatory recycling programs, including organics (greenwaste and foodwaste). Funds from the rates will enable the City to adequately fund municipal operations for residential customers. Furthermore, the rates will allow the City and its contract haulers to address state mandates, including the increasing cost of residential recycling, and will ensure state mandated commercial recycling and organics recycling

programs are provided to the degree required by law and fund operational costs not covered by more than 10 years of mostly CPI only rate adjustments. These rates are proposed through June 30, 2025.

### How are trash rates adjusted?

The residential rate increase accounts for additional revenues needed to offset a significant annual revenue shortfall and provide for necessary additional staff and equipment resources. The commercial rate adjustment includes the annual contractual Consumer Price Index change to collection costs, changes to the disposal portion of the rate (set by the County), franchise fees (set by contract), and city costs for waste system oversight and portions of street sweeping. In addition, commercial rates include an extraordinary adjustment for services required by the state to cover services and processing of trash, organics, and recycling.

### What is CPI?

CPI, regulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (BLS) is a commonly accepted economic indicator of inflationary price changes using a market basket of goods and services for prescribed geographic areas. Riverside is part the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Geographic area, which will be used when calculating any CPI adjustments referenced below.

The proposed rates are as follows with an estimated implementation date in October 2020:

### Estimated Monthly Residential Rates

Service	Current	October 2020	Future Proposed Increases & Effective Dates*			
			July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Standard Curbside/Disabled	\$26.85	\$30.92	\$31.85	\$32.80	\$33.78	\$34.80
Mobilehome/Apt	\$15.32	\$17.64	\$18.17	\$18.71	\$19.27	\$19.86
Driveway	\$36.82	\$42.40	\$43.68	\$44.98	\$46.32	\$47.72
Backyard	\$44.17	\$50.87	\$52.39	\$53.96	\$55.57	\$57.25
Condo/Townhouse	\$16.57	\$19.08	\$19.66	\$20.24	\$20.85	\$21.48
Extra Container (Brown – Trash)	\$11.43	\$13.16	\$13.56	\$13.96	\$14.38	\$14.81
Extra Container (Green-Yardwaste)	\$5.24	\$6.03	\$6.22	\$6.40	\$6.59	\$6.79
Extra Container (Blue – Recycling)	\$2.08	\$4.28	\$4.31	\$4.33	\$4.35	\$4.38

\*Future rate adjustments include a blend of operating needs and projected CPI

### Estimated Monthly Commercial Rates for Standard and Common Service Levels

The tables below provide a projection of the monthly rate impact to standard commercial accounts, with service levels ranging from 2 to 4 yards of waste with collection one time per week.

Service Level	Current	Proposed 2020 Trash Rate (CPI* + 1%)	Proposed 2020 Recycling (New) 95-Gallon Minimum	Proposed 2020 Organics (New) 65-Gallon Minimum	New Total
2 CY Bin 1X/Wk	\$83.92	\$87.79	n/a	\$81.75	\$169.54
3 CY Bin 1X/Wk	\$118.20	\$123.65	n/a	\$81.75	\$205.40
4CY Bin 1X/Wk	\$150.83	\$157.79	\$53.32	\$81.75	\$292.86

Future Effective Dates	Future Proposed Increases
July 1, 2021	Trash Rates to adjust by CPI* + 2%. All other commodities will adjust by CPI*.
July 1, 2022	Trash Rates to adjust by CPI* + 1%. All other commodities will adjust by CPI*.
July 1, 2023 – July 1, 2025	All Service Rates will adjust by CPI*.

\*Subject to change based on applicable CPI rates in Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario geographic area and other administrative fees for current fiscal year.

For more information on solid waste and recycling services, please visit our website at <http://www.riversideca.gov/publicworks/trash/> or call (951) 826-5311.



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