
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance

FROM: Lauren Seay, Deputy Director, Administrative Services

MEETING: August 3, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a minute order authorizing the rate increase proposed by Waste Connections, Inc., as permitted under the existing contract, effective October 1, 2026.
(Staff Contact: Lauren Seay, Deputy Director, Administrative Services)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services	1.2 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers

SUMMARY:

The City has contracted solid waste and recycling collection services with Waste Connections, Inc. since 2019. The current agreement, which was renewed in May 2023, extends through September 2029.

Under the terms of the agreement, Waste Connections may request a base rate adjustment no more than once annually, with any approved increase taking effect in October. Proposed rate adjustments must receive City approval and must not be unreasonably withheld.

Rate adjustments are calculated based on two components: changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and changes in fuel costs. Both are measured by comparing June of the current year to June of the prior year. The CPI and fuel factors are calculated separately and then combined. The combined percentage is applied to the current base rate to determine the proposed price adjustment.

For the current year, Waste Connections initially proposed a base rate increase of 4.50% but, at the request of City staff, agreed to reduce the requested increase to 4.25%.

	<u>Citizen Rates</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>	<u>FY 25-26</u>	<u>FY 26-27</u>
Residential	Waste Collection	\$ 16.20	\$ 17.28	\$ 17.97	\$ 18.73
	Recycling	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.21	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.48
	Admin	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.13
	Litter Abatement	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.37
	Franchise Fee	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.77
	Total	\$ 21.84	\$ 24.23	\$ 25.11	\$ 26.49
Small Collect	Waste Collection	\$ 23.43	\$ 27.22	\$ 28.31	\$ 29.51
	Admin	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.13
	Litter Abatement	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.37
	Franchise Fee	\$ 1.87	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.26	\$ 2.36
	Total	\$ 26.40	\$ 31.50	\$ 32.67	\$ 34.37
Large Collect	Waste Collection	\$ 35.38	\$ 41.32	\$ 42.97	\$ 44.80
	Admin	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.13
	Litter Abatement	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.37
	Franchise Fee	\$ 2.83	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.59
	Total	\$ 39.31	\$ 46.73	\$ 48.51	\$ 50.88

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a minute order authorizing the proposed rate increase from Waste Connections, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the existing contract, to be effective October 1, 2026.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

CSO#1033-05-2019

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditure: \$268,844 estimated increase

Account Number(s): 5257201-62503

Fund: 525 Solid Waste Fund

Account Description: Solid Waste Collection

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