



BARTOW COUNTY
Solid Waste

Steve Taylor, Sole Commissioner
 Rip Conner, P.G., Director

TO: Wade Wilson, City of Cartersville
 FROM: Rip Conner
 DATE: January 17, 2024
 SUBJECT: Tipping Fee

As you are aware, the Bartow County Landfill has been increasing tipping fees annually by five percent each March 1st. Currently, our gate rate is \$46.88 per ton. Cartersville’s discounted rate is \$34.49 per ton. A difference of \$12.39/ton. Subsequent to March 1, 2024, after the planned increase, that discount will be \$13.01/ton. As suggested, the discounted amount has been increasing since we began providing discounts in May 2013. In fact, since then, the Bartow County Landfill has given the City of Cartersville over 1.3 million dollars in discounts.

After discussing this issue with the Commissioner, Bartow County has decided to gradually increase your rates through 2028 to within \$5.00 of our gate rate. This means, assuming no unforeseen economic factors, that in 2028 our gate rate will be \$59.82/ton while the City’s will be \$54.82/ton. We propose meeting this objective by continuing the 5% increase in March 2024 and then adding another 5% increase on September 1, 2024. Ten percent increases will continue annually on September 1 each year (you will be exempt from the annual March 1 increases) through 2028. The increases are summarized on the following Table:

| Year | Gate Rate | Percent Increase | Cartersville Discounted Rate | Cartersville Discount |
|------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2023 | \$46.88 | - | \$34.49 | 12.39 |
| 2024 | \$49.22 | March: 5% | \$36.21 | \$13.01 |
| | | September: 5% | \$38.02 | \$11.20 |
| 2025 | \$51.68 | September: 10% | \$41.82 | \$9.86 |
| 2026 | \$54.26 | September: 10% | \$46.00 | \$8.26 |
| 2027 | \$56.97 | September: 10% | \$50.60 | \$6.37 |
| 2028 | \$59.82 | September: 8.34% | \$54.82 | \$5.00 |

The Bartow County Landfill is currently finishing a \$4.5 million expansion we trust will last 12 to 15 years. This expansion was mostly paid for by our Solid Waste Fund with some SPLOST dollars. The next construction event will likely be ten times that amount. With unknown economic factors such as inflation, labor, and ever-changing regulations, we feel we must pursue this initiative to ensure our economic viability.