

RESOLUTION NO. 2426

A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES AND UPDATING THE FRANCHISE FEE AND BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICE FEE RECEIVED FROM SANITARY DISPOSAL.

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted the City of Hermiston Code of Ordinances and that Code permits the City Council of the City of Hermiston to adopt by resolution a schedule of fees and charges for various services, licenses and permits; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains a franchise agreement with Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc. doing business as Sanitary Disposal (“Franchisee”) for solid waste management service for commercial, industrial and residential establishments in the city, and

WHEREAS, Franchisee has requested a rate adjustment of 5% with the last rate adjustment being in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City and Franchisee have negotiated for the Franchisee to accept a lower rate adjustment of 3.5% and the City to decrease the percentage of fees received by 1.5%; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HMC 50.51 the city shall do the billing and collecting of solid waste service fees and shall retain a percentage of the gross collections in payment of a franchise fee, and a percentage for billing and collection service, as established by City Council resolution; the balance shall be paid to Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc. doing business as Sanitary Disposal. The percentage shall be reviewed and may be changed at any time when the franchise submits a request for rate review; and

WHEREAS, the current total fee was adjusted to 15% in 2023, the current franchise fee is 3% (which includes a 2.5% franchise fee with an additional .5% earmarked to cover the costs of the annual city-wide cleanup) and the fee for billing and collecting of solid waste services within the city is set at 12%; and

WHEREAS, to offset the impact of the requested rate adjustment to citizens, the City will decrease the total fee, with the franchise fee decreasing to 2.5% (which includes a 2 % franchise fee with an additional .5% earmarked to cover the costs of the annual city-wide cleanup) and the fee for billing and collecting of solid waste services within the city decreasing to 11%, for a new total fee of 13.5%; and

WHEREAS, the updated Master Fee Schedule including the new fees is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HERMISTON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the attached updated Master Fee Schedule including the schedule of fees and charges for Garbage and Recycling Services, is approved and adopted.

2. That this resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 2259 and Resolution No. 2414
3. All fees and charges in effect as of the date of the adoption of this resolution shall remain in effect unless otherwise modified by provisions of this resolution.
4. The franchise fee shall be 2.5% (which includes a 2% franchise fee with an additional .5% earmarked to cover the costs of the annual city-wide cleanup) and the fee for billing and collecting of solid waste services within the city shall be 11%, for a new total fee of 13.5%; and
5. That this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Common Council this 26th day of May 2026.

SIGNED by the Mayor this 26th day of May 2026.

Doug Primmer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, CITY RECORDER