



King County Rate Restructure Republic Services Contract Amendment September 2023



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King County's MSW Rate Restructure & Interlocal must align with LFP's Republic Services contract by 9/30/23



- King County Solid Waste Division is moving to a "utility model" starting 1/1/24:
 - Fixed Annual Charge (FAC) + per-ton tipping fee.
- Allowed by the City's Interlocal Agreement with King County.
- All city contracts with hauler billing must be amended to allow for the FAC.

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King County Zero Waste Policy Requires New Rate Structure & Billing for City Contracts with their Service Providers

KC's Re+ program reduces revenue, so a new rate structure is needed

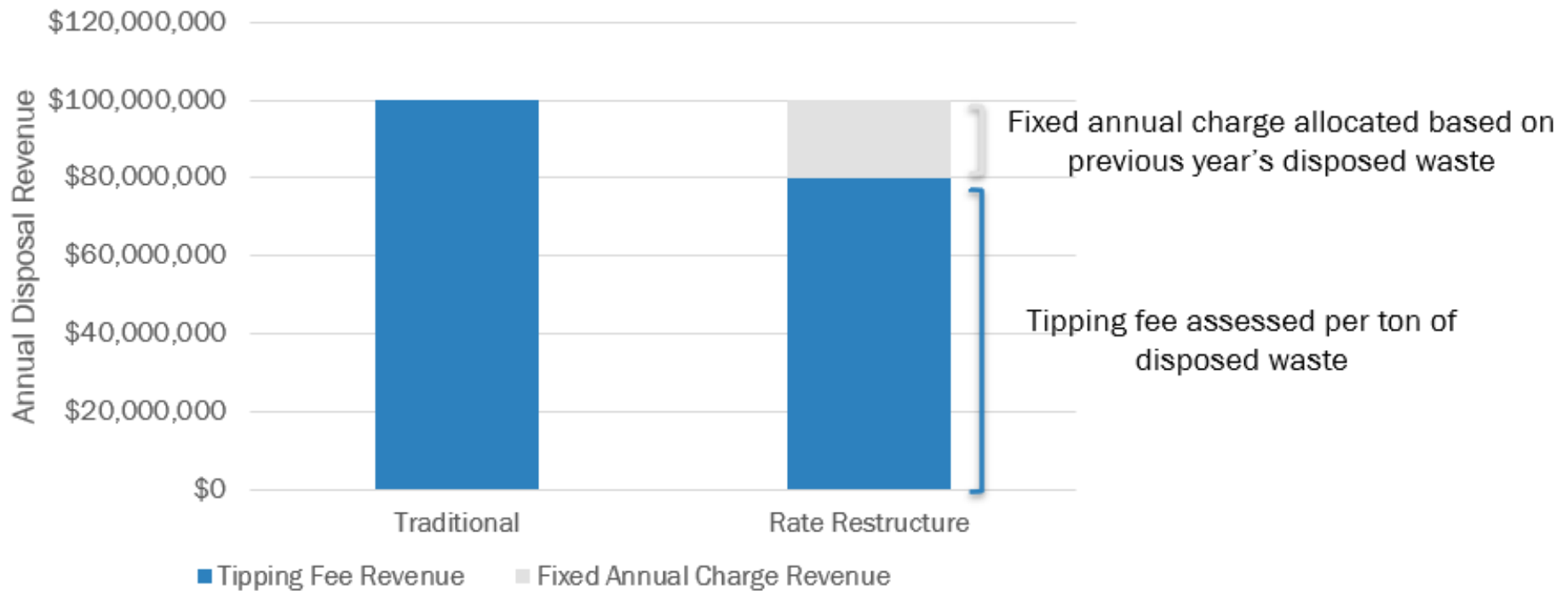


- Under previous rate structure, as we reduce waste and divert more resources via recycling, revenue would be reduced making it difficult to fund core services.
 - 90% of SWD revenues come from waste disposal
 - Re+ goal is to reduce disposal tons by 70%
 - The majority of SWD costs are largely fixed
- A fixed revenue stream will reduce volatility in rate increases caused by lower tonnage associated with increased recycling or economic downturns.

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Traditional Tipping Fee –vs- Utility Rate Model

Traditional Tipping Fee versus Fixed Annual Charge/Tipping Fee Structure



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King County Disposal Rates changing to Fixed and Variable “Utility Model” on 1/1/2024

Rate Restructure



The County assigns FAC based upon the City’s annual garbage tonnage contribution.



Republic Services collects the FAC from customers to pay the County.



The FAC must be distributed across the customer base.



King County tipping fees and FAC will be adjusted annually.

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Key to Landfill Diversion & Zero Waste Goals (King County's Re+ Pledge): Know What to Throw

Recycling	Compost	Garbage
Empty, Clean & Dry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No plastic bags, film or wrap. Find a recycling drop-off site at Bagandfilmrecycling.org ✓ Do not bag recyclables ✓ Extra recyclables may be set out in boxes, paper bags or 32-gallon cans marked "recycle" next to the recycling cart 	Food Scraps & Yard Debris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No plastic bags or food containers ✓ Cedar Grove-approved compostable bags are OK ✓ No rocks, dirt or bark ✓ Extra yard waste may be collected in paper bags, 32-gallon cans or boxes 3ft. x 3ft. x 3ft. max 	Household Garbage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bag all garbage ✓ No hazardous waste ✓ No hot ashes or coals ✓ Extras may be collected in securely tied plastic bags and clearly labeled "garbage." Maximum weight 60 lbs. Fees apply. 
Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Empty, clean and dry   	Plants & Yard Trimmings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Branches 4ft. max   	Mixed Packaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plastic-coated or food-soiled   
Cardboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Flatten boxes ✓ 3ft. x 3ft. x 3ft. max ✓ Keep dry   	Fruits & Vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No stickers   	Polystyrene Foam   
Metal Cans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Empty, clean and dry   	Meat, Bones & Leftovers   	Diapers & Pet Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Double-bagged   
Glass Bottles & Jars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Empty, clean and dry ✓ Unbroken ✓ No lids    	Dairy, Eggs & Bread   	Household Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Latex paint cans (dry or empty)    
Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Empty, clean and dry    	Food-Soiled Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Uncoated (no shiny paper)   	Small Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ When in doubt, visit "What do I do with?" on King County's website, or throw it out    

Collection Reminders: Set carts out by 7 a.m. Garbage is collected weekly. Recycling and compost are collected every other week. If weather conditions prevent safe collection, service will resume on the next regular scheduled collection day. Double your regular amount will be collected for no additional fee.



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