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Mayor Scott Korthuis
Lynden City Council
Lynden, WA 98264



Dear Mayor Scott and Council Members,

Nooksack Valley Disposal has been happy to provide both garbage and recycling services to the City of Lynden for over 40 years. Because of increasing disposal fees and other rising costs, we are coming to the City with a rate increase request, to become effective January 1, 2023.

Recycling and Disposal Services has announced they will be increasing our garbage disposal fees effective January 1 2023. Our cost per ton will be increased by 10%, or \$11.45 per ton more than we are currently charged. In addition, we have experienced much higher costs in these past two years for wages, fuel, medical insurance and truck maintenance. We are requesting a 9% increase in our residential and commercial garbage rates. About half of this increase will go to paying the increase in our disposal fees, and half to other inflationary costs.

In the last few months, the price for recycling commodities have plummeted to their lowest level ever. Paper, cardboard, and plastic are currently charged over \$115 per ton at the processing facility in Ferndale. This is in addition to our increased costs as outlined above. As a result, we are requesting a \$1 per month increase to our base fee for residential recycling.

As outlined in our Municipal Solid Waste Agreement with the City of Lynden, Section 7A, we are giving request to revise our rates for residential and commercial services at least 60 days prior to their implementation. We have included a schedule with the current and proposed rates. The average household set out 2.6 carts of garbage per month this past year. The proposed increase would raise the average residential bill by \$2.56 per month in total for garbage and recycling.

We continue to strive to provide excellent customer service, while maintaining our position as one of the lowest priced and most efficient providers of garbage and recycling pickup in Northwest Washington. We will continue to have some of the lowest prices of any of the comparable nearby cities. We look forward to continuing our good relationship with the City and to providing clean, safe, and dependable garbage and recycling services in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dan Leidecker in blue ink.

Dan Leidecker, President

Handwritten signature of Calvin Den Hartog in blue ink.

Calvin Den Hartog, General Manager

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The following is a comparison of garbage/recycling rates from cities in the area. The rates compare what a 60-68 gallon cart emptied every-other-week or weekly would cost. Every-other-week recycling is included in all prices. Some cities do not offer carts, so an equivalent volume using a 32-gallon container is used for comparison.

<u>City</u>	<u>EOW</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>2-yd Dumpster</u>
Lynden (current)	\$19.40 per month	\$33.00 per month	\$36.45 per dump
Lynden (proposed)	\$21.60 per month	\$36.20 per month	\$38.90 per dump
Anacortes	\$27.79 per month	\$43.07 per month	\$67.99 per dump
Bellingham	\$27.37 per month	\$50.13 per month	\$41.82 per dump
Duvall	\$31.32 per month	\$41.91 per month	\$43.75 per dump
Everett	\$27.33 per month	\$33.95 per month	\$35.61 per dump
Ferndale	\$22.52 per month	\$40.11 per month	\$63.93 per dump
Friday Harbor	\$36.00 per month	\$68.00 per month	\$100.00 per dump
Marysville	\$32.59 per month	\$50.68 per month	\$46.70 per dump
Monroe	\$22.69 per month	\$32.89 per month	\$43.74 per dump
Mt. Vernon	\$32.19 per month	\$46.34 per month	\$36.84 per dump
Oak Harbor	\$23.86 per month	\$39.99 per month	\$64.08 per dump
Sedro-Wooley	\$28.13 per month	\$38.52 per month	\$52.63 per dump

The typical household in Lynden sets out an average of 2.6 carts per month.

Lynden Yardwaste Rates are \$8.50 for EOW cart, \$11.50 for weekly cart, compared to \$12.12 for EOW and \$24.24 for 2 carts EOW in Bellingham and \$14.42 for EOW and \$28.84 for 2 carts EOW in Ferndale.

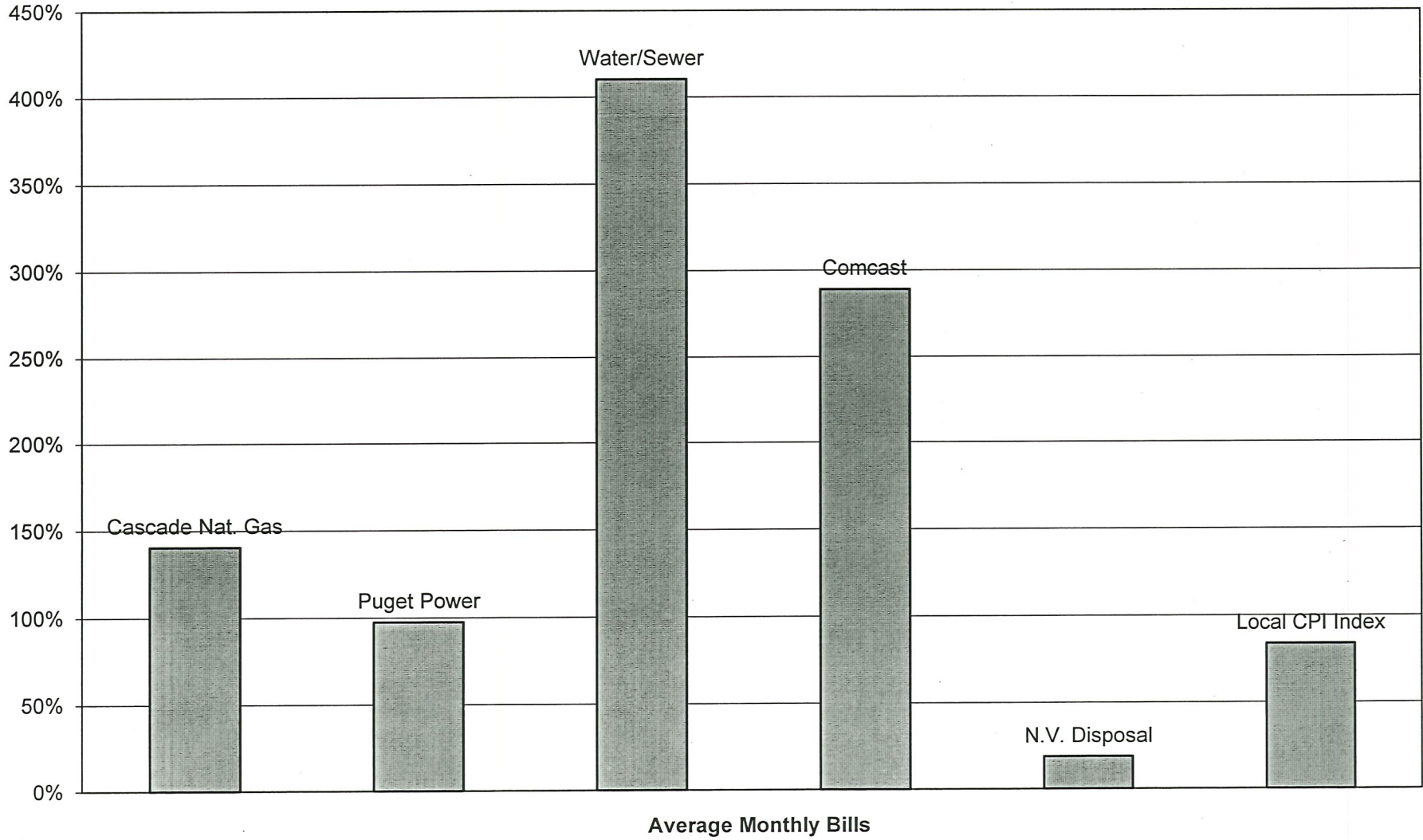
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NOOKSACK VALLEY DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - LYNDEN
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	<u>Refuse</u>	<u>Recycling</u>
REVENUES:		
Residential	\$ 1,168,776	\$ 306,016
Commercial	\$ 1,234,600	
Pass-through dump fees	\$ 230,835	
 Total revenues	 \$ 2,634,211	 \$ 306,016
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Wages	\$ 542,438	\$ 145,706
Dump fees/Recycle Fees	\$ 848,988	\$ 17,588
Pass-through dump fees	\$ 230,835	\$ -
Repairs and maintenance	\$ 69,772	\$ 12,823
Fuel and oil	\$ 136,322	\$ 23,834
Tires and tubes	\$ 20,166	\$ 4,359
Depreciation	\$ 149,238	\$ 20,521
Insurance	\$ 21,926	\$ 6,434
Medical insurance	\$ 72,830	\$ 22,793
Business taxes	\$ 60,778	\$ 6,673
Property taxes	\$ 5,463	\$ 916
Taxes and licenses	\$ 7,710	\$ 1,232
Payroll taxes	\$ 79,263	\$ 18,520
Retirement fund	\$ 66,108	\$ 15,777
Utilities	\$ 3,688	\$ 1,085
Telephone	\$ 956	\$ 283
Office	\$ 19,467	\$ 5,008
Postage	\$ 9,330	\$ 2,723
Advertising	\$ 1,901	\$ 562
Travel	\$ 632	\$ 178
Dues and subscriptions	\$ 7,583	\$ 1,263
Professional fees	\$ 11,501	\$ 1,870
Donations	\$ 1,951	\$ 325
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,785	\$ 283
 Total operating expenses	 \$ 2,370,633	 \$ 310,758
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS		
	\$ 263,578	\$ (4,742)

1998-2022 Rate Changes



**Nooksack Valley Disposal and Recycling
Current and Proposed Rates
2022 and 2023**

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Base Fee	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00 per month
Per Cart	\$ 6.70	\$ 7.30 per dump
Optional Yardwaste	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.50 per month

Commercial

Can	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.40
Cart	\$ 7.70	\$ 8.40
1-yard	\$ 21.75	\$ 23.70 per dump
1.5 yard	\$ 28.10	\$ 30.60
2-yard	\$ 36.55	\$ 38.90

Schools and Rest Homes

1-yard	\$ 19.75	\$ 21.70 per dump
1.5 yard	\$ 26.10	\$ 28.60
2 yard	\$ 34.55	\$ 36.90

Dumpster Rental Fees

1-yard	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00 per month
1.5 yard	\$ 11.00	\$ 13.00
2-yard	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00