



# Memo

To: Santaquin City Council  
From: Benjamin Reeves, City Manager  
Subject: Landfill Access & Reimbursements Discussion  
Date: 4/5/2022

In 2021, Santaquin City entered into an agreement with Republic Services to take the city's solid waste to the Bay View facility in Elberta in lieu of taking the solid waste to the Payson landfill. This act saved our community approximately \$28k annually.

To mitigate the negative impact on Santaquin City residents who would no longer receive the "resident rate" at the Payson Landfill, the Santaquin City Council authorized 1.) an addition city wide (Fall) cleanup and 2.) authorized a Payson Landfill reimbursement subsidy wherein a Santaquin City resident could take a load to the Payson Landfill and pay the non-resident \$10 rate and submit their receipt to Santaquin City for a \$7 credit on their Santaquin City utility bill; thus providing Santaquin residents a "resident rate credit" (Payson City resident rate being \$3/load). With these mitigating efforts in place, the council asked that the staff report on utilization, which is the purpose of this report.

## **Landfill Access & Reimbursement Statistics (7/1/21-3/7/22):**

Total Residential Solid Waste Customers in Santaquin:	3874
Total Reimbursement Costs:	\$3,433.00
Total Santaquin Customers who used the Payson Landfill:	233 (6.01%)
Total who used the Payson Landfill more than 3-times (high users)	34 (0.88%)
Total who used it more than 5-times (extremely high users)	11 (0.28%)

### Summary of Load Count Data:

22 drops	1 Customer	5 Drops	6 Customers
9 Drops	3 Customers	4 Drops	17 Customers
8 Drops	2 Customers	3 Drops	20 Customers
7 Drops	4 Customers	2 Drops	53 Customers
6 Drops	1 Customer	1 Drop	126 Customers

### Note:

- Payson City limits its own residents to a maximum of 3 drops per year (punch card system)
- Currently Santaquin City has no such limitation
- Payson City recently increased its non-resident rate from \$10/drop to \$11/drop

Policy Decisions:

Should Santaquin City perpetuate the program?

If so, should Santaquin City cap the number of drops to 3 per year (Similar to Payson residents)

Also, should Santaquin increase the reimbursement from \$7/drop to \$8/drop to offset the increase in Payson City rates?

Staff Recommendations:

We recommend the perpetuation of the landfill reimbursement the program. Furthermore, it is our recommendation to limit the number of drops per year per residential solid waste customer to a maximum of three drops. Lastly, we recommend an increase to the reimbursement amount from \$7/load to \$8/load.

With these recommendations employed, Santaquin City residents will be treated identically to Payson City residents and continue to enjoy the use of that facility as if they were residents of Payson City.

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to perpetuate the landfill reimbursement program as currently constituted with the following modifications:

1. Limit the number of reimbursements per Santaquin City Residential Solid Waste Customer to a maximum of three reimbursements per year; and
2. Increase the reimbursement amount from \$7/load to \$8/load.