

May 14, 2025

John Walsh – City Manager City of St. Helens 265 Strand Street St. Helens, OR 97051

RE: Request for Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Adjustment

Dear Mr. Walsh,

While we remain optimistic about the current and future economy, there is still uncertainty around the costs of goods and services specifically in our industry. Supply chain challenges and unknown tariffs may continue to have an impact on our business, causing increases in the costs of parts, materials, carts, containers, and trucks We continue to see 14–18-month delays on new truck deliveries causing us to deploy older equipment at a higher operating cost. We also have continually evaluated and raised our employee wages to remain competitive, especially for drivers and mechanics. Wage pressures continue with skilled labor positions especially in Multnomah and Washington County, where we compete with other companies to recruit strong employees. This year we have implemented a 4.5% increase for all employees who live in the communities we serve.

Additionally, the Columbia County disposal tip fee at the transfer station is scheduled to increase by 2.2% on July 1st, 2025. As you know, our disposal costs are a large component of our operating costs. These are just a few examples of some of our larger cost impacts, among other increases due to current economic challenges. Given these pressures, we are requesting an increase of 3.5% on all service rates, effective July 1, 2025. While it's always challenging for us to request a rate adjustment, these increases are critical for our organization to remain competitive with employee wages, new truck and equipment purchases, and consistent customer experience improvement.

We look forward to meeting with the Council to answer any questions. We also want to thank you and the City of St. Helens for the continued relationship we have. We are proud to be your community partner!

Regards,

Kanale Tumlinson

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RATE FREQUENCY	CURRENT RATE		NEW RATE	
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PER MONTH	\$	34.60	\$	35.80
PER MONTH	\$	20.40	\$	21.10
PER MONTH	\$	53.20	\$	55.10
PER MONTH	\$	46.80	\$	48.40
PER MONTH	\$	71.70	\$	74.20
PER MONTH	\$	63.10	\$	65.30
PER MONTH	\$	24.90	\$	25.80
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PER MONTH			\$	39.60
PER MONTH	\$	33.70	\$	34.90
PER MONTH	\$	51.40	\$	53.20
PER MONTH	\$	45.20	\$	46.80
PER MONTH	\$	7.60	\$	7.90
PER MONTH	\$	13.80	\$	14.30
PER PICKUP	\$	6.90	\$	7.10
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COMMERCIAL	RATE FREQUENCY	CURRENT RATE		NEW RATE	
Temp 2 Yard Container (First 7 Days) Comm Daily Rental Fee (After 7 Days) Comm Container Overfill/Overweight Comm Container Extra Yardage Fee Comm Time Fee (Labor for Clean Up - Per Min) Return Trip Charge - Business Walk-In - Business	PER PICKUP PER DAY PER YARD PER YARD PER MIN PER PICKUP PER PICKUP	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	86.30 2.80 20.80 20.80 1.40 20.90 5.40	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	89.30 2.90 21.50 21.50 1.42 21.60 5.20
TIRE under 16" no/rim TIRE under 16" w/rim HOT WATER HEATER SM MATTRESS M/LG MATTRESS SM FURNITURE M/LG FURNITURE SM APPLIANCE* M/LG APPLIANCE* *(No refrigerators, freezers, Freon or compressors)	PER PICKUP	***	7.20 16.70 37.60 12.40 18.50 17.80 37.00 18.30 37.60	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	7.50 17.30 38.90 12.80 19.10 18.40 38.30 18.90 38.90
WEEKLY (1) 35 Gallon Cart Weekly Business Each Additional 35 Gallon Cart Weekly Business (1) 65 Gallon Cart Weekly Each Additional 65 Gallon Cart Weekly (1) 95 Gallon Cart Weekly Each Additional 95 Gallon Cart Weekly EOW (1) 35 Gallon Cart Every Other Week Business	PER MONTH PER MONTH PER MONTH PER MONTH PER MONTH PER MONTH	****	23.70 22.90 40.00 35.20 56.10 49.40	\$\$\$\$\$\$	24.50 23.70 41.40 36.40 58.10 51.10
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	RATE	CURRENT		NEW	
	FREQUENCY		RATE		RATE
OTHER COMMERCIAL					
(1) 35 Gallon On Call Business	PER MONTH	\$	6.90	\$	7.10
(1) 35 Gallon 1x Monthly Business	PER PICKUP	\$	7.60	\$	7.90
Comm Overfill/Overweight Can/Cart Business	PER PICKUP	\$	3.10	\$	3.20
(1) 65 Gallon Recycle Weekly - Only Recycle or On Call Garbage	PER MONTH	\$	11.10	\$	11.50
(1) 65 Gallon Recycle Weekly - Additional or OAM Garbage	PER MONTH	\$	6.30	\$	6.50
(1) 95 Gallon Recycle Weekly - Only Recycle or On Call Garbage	PER MONTH	\$	11.10	\$	11.50
(1) 95 Gallon Recycle Weekly - Additional or OAM Garbage	PER MONTH	\$	6.30	\$	6.50
(1) 95 Gallon Yard Waste EOW	PER MONTH	\$	5.10	\$	5.30
CONTAINER SERVICE					
1 Yard Container On Call - Additional Pick Up	PER PICKUP	\$	35.80	\$	37.10
1 Yard Every Other Week Service	PER MONTH	\$	73.90	\$	76.50
1 Yard Container Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	119.40	\$	123.60
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	110.20	\$	114.10
1 Yard Container 2 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	222.10	\$	229.90
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	204.50	\$	211.70
1 Yard Container 3 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	329.20	\$	340.70
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	288.30	\$	298.40
1 Yard Container 4 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	424.20	\$	439.00
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	364.20	\$	376.90
1 Yard Container 5 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	532.30	\$	550.90
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	460.10	\$	476.20
1.5 Yard Container On Call - Additional Pick Up	PER PICKUP	\$	47.10	\$	48.70
1.5 Yard Every Other Week Service	PER MONTH	\$	105.60	\$	109.30
1.5 Yard Container Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	168.70	\$	174.60
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	156.50	\$	162.00
1.5 Yard Container 2 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	321.10	\$	332.30
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	299.40	\$	309.90
1.5 Yard Container 3 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	473.50	\$	490.10
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	437.80	\$	453.10
1.5 Yard Container 4 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	602.20	\$	623.30
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	556.10	\$	575.60
1.5 Yard Container 5 x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$	762.10	\$	788.80
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$	690.30	\$	714.50

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2 Yard Container On Call - Additional Pick Up	PER PICKUP	\$ 56.60	\$ 58.60
2 Yard Every Other Week Service	PER MONTH	\$ 116.30	\$ 120.40
2 Yard Container Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 223.60	\$ 231.40
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$ 207.30	\$ 214.60
2 Yard Container 2x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 422.70	\$ 437.50
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$ 391.20	\$ 404.90
2 Yard Container 3x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 634.10	\$ 656.30
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$ 553.80	\$ 573.20
2 Yard Container 4x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 804.50	\$ 832.70
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$ 701.10	\$ 725.60
2 Yard Container 5x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 1,004.00	\$ 1,039.10
*Each additional	PER MONTH	\$ 862.50	\$ 892.70
3 Yard Container On Call - Additional Pick Up	PER PICKUP	\$ 72.30	\$ 74.80
3 Yard Container 1x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 292.80	\$ 303.00
3 Yard Container 2x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 547.10	\$ 566.20
3 Yard Container 3x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 801.30	\$ 829.30
3 Yard Container 4x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 1,055.50	\$ 1,092.40
3 Yard Container 5x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 1,309.70	\$ 1,355.50
4 Yard Every Other Week Service	PER MONTH	\$ 221.60	\$ 229.40
4 Yard Container 1x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 358.50	\$ 371.00
4 Yard Container 2x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 697.40	\$ 721.80
4 Yard Container 3x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 1,036.40	\$ 1,072.70
4 Yard Container 4x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 1,375.40	\$ 1,423.50
4 Yard Container 5x Weekly Service	PER MONTH	\$ 1,714.30	\$ 1,774.30
OTHER RATES			
Res Extra Can/Cart, Bag or Box (32-35 Gallons)	PER PICKUP	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.50
Res Every Other Week Off Week	PER PICKUP	\$ 6.90	\$ 7.10
Res Extra Bag (12 Gallon Kitchen Bag)	PER PICKUP	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.90
Res Overfill/Overweight Cart or Can	PER PICKUP	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.20
Res Oversize Can	PER PICKUP	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.20
Res Special Trip Off Day	PER PICKUP	\$ 20.90	\$ 21.60
Res Walk In Fee	PER MONTH	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.20
Res Drive In Fee	PER MONTH	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.20
Drive-In Additional 100Ft Increments	PER MONTH	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.90
Res Restart Fee - Includes Cart Re-delivery	ONE TIME	\$ 26.10	\$ 27.00
Returned Check Fee	ONE TIME	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.90
Res Time Fee (Labor for Clean Up - Per Min)	PER MIN	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.42
Lockbar Installment Fee	ONE TIME	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Lock Replacement Fee	PER LOCK	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

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