



STAFF REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2024
FROM: DEREK COLE, CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: INITIATION OF PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF SOLID-WASTE RATE INCREASES

Background and Analysis

Republic Services, the City’s solid-waste hauler, is proposing a new rate schedule for 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028, following a detailed rate review performed earlier this year. The proposed rate schedule is attached to this staff report. They are proposing a multiple year adoption.

The City follows Proposition 218 in setting solid-waste collection rates. A “majority protest” procedure is held in which ratepayers have the ability to object to the proposed increases. If no such protest is made, the Council considers the adoption of the proposed rate schedule, which would take effect on March 1, 2025 (rate reflects 9 month period for 2025, 12 months for the rest).

The Council will hold the hearing and consideration of adoption of the rate increases in February. Mailed notices of the rate increase will be sent to all ratepayers in accordance with Proposition 218. Timeline:

- Dec 2025 – Mail/postmark Prop 218 notices, start 45-day period
- Feb 2025 – End of 45-day period
- Feb 2025 – City Council Meeting, Public Hearing, review protests
- March 1 effective date

Fiscal Impact

None associated with this report.

Recommendation

The City Council should receive the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed solid waste rate increase schedule