



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Information Only – Solid Waste Rate Increase

Preferred Agenda: August 11, 2020

Submitted By: Julie Fisher, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed By: City Manager, Ray Towry

Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion ____ Roll Call ____ Other X

Relevant Code/Policy: Ordinance No. 3 for 2018, Ordinance #1261

Towards Council Goal: Goal #3 Essential Services.

Attachments: Letter to Ray Towry, 2019 CPI West B-C, Proposed Rates, New Rates, Ordinance No. 3 for 2018,

Purpose of this RCA:

2020-2021 rates for solid waste.

Background/Context:

Waste Connection Inc. (Sweet Home Sanitation) is the current provider of solid waste disposal and recycling services in Sweet Home.

In 2018, City Council passed Sweet Home Ordinance 1261 which provides for an automatic annual rate adjustment tied to CPI W B-C and a process for extraordinary circumstances in which SH Sanitation would request above CPI, requiring a resolution by City Council at a City Council public meeting. This is not above CPI so is an automatic increase.

Sweet Home Sanitation is enacting a rate increase to help cover the increased cost of doing business. They are implementing an 2.54% raise in the rates as of October 1, 2020.

SH Sanitation did request an increase due to the recycling market crisis in 2018. SH Sanitation did not implement an increase in 2019.

The Challenge/Problem:

Stakeholders:

- City of Sweet Home Residents – Solid waste disposal and recycling are necessary and valued by the community.
- City of Sweet Home City Council – Council is entrusted to make decisions that do the most good for the most people for the longest period of time.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The world recycling market is still changing. Sweet Home Sanitation is enacting a 2.54% allowed by the contract. Council has already approved the increase with Ordinance No. 3 for 2018.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A palatable and predictable rate increase that is fair to all parties, while ensuring the needs of the community are met.

Options:

1. No Action Required. For Information Only