



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: September 15, 2026

Agenda Item: Johns Disposal Rate Increase

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Staff received a request from Johns Disposal asking for a 3.8 % increase (\$0.62) per unit, monthly increase as outlined below. According to the contract, Johns may request an annual adjustment up to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI is 3.8%.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027 (3.8 %)</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Garbage	\$9.75	\$10.12	\$0.37
Recycle	\$4.50	\$4.67	\$0.17
Bulk	<u>\$2.17</u>	<u>\$2.25</u>	<u>\$0.08</u>
	\$16.42	\$17.04	\$0.62

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

In September of 2019, Johns Disposal was approved for a recycling rate increase from \$2.59 to \$3.59 for 2020. In October 2020, Johns Disposal was approved for a recycling rate increase from \$3.59 to \$3.84 for 2021. In September 2021, Johns Disposal was approved for rate increases for garbage from \$8.29 to \$8.70, recycling from \$3.84 to \$3.85, and bulk from \$1.66 to \$1.85 for 2022. In October 2022, Johns Disposal was approved for rate increases for garbage from \$8.70 to \$9.00, recycling from \$3.85 to \$4.15, and bulk from \$1.85 to \$2.00 for calendar year 2023. In September 2023, Johns Disposal was approved for rate increases for garbage from \$9.00 to \$9.25, recycling from \$4.15 to \$4.27, and bulk from \$2.00 to \$2.06 for calendar year 2024. In September 2024, approval was granted for rate increases in garbage from \$9.25 to \$9.47, recycling from \$4.27 to \$4.37 and bulk from \$2.06 to \$2.11. In September 2025, approval was granted for rate increases in garbage from \$9.47 to \$9.75, recycling from \$4.37 to \$4.50 and bulk from \$2.11 to \$2.17.

The Public Works Committee recommended approval at their September 8, 2026 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

City Staff estimated a \$0.53 increase for 2027 in the 2026-2027 budget. With an estimated 2800 toters for 2027, the \$0.62 rate increase is an additional \$3,024 for the 2027 budget. The total increase over the 2026 budget is \$20,832.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Since the requested increase is in line with the CPI, staff recommends a motion to approve the rate increases for 2027.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)
1. Johns Rate Increase Request
2. Johns Resolution