



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

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% cost of living increase (\$0.47) 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 3.0%.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026 (3%)</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Garbage	\$9.47	\$9.75	\$0.28
Recycle	\$4.37	\$4.50	\$0.13
Bulk	<u>\$2.11</u>	<u>\$2.17</u>	<u>\$0.06</u>
	\$15.95	\$16.42	\$0.47

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

This item was tabled at the September 9, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting and recommended for approval at the October 14, 2025 meeting.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The City is estimating a total count of 2,770 units for the 2026 budget. The overall increase of \$0.47 results in an overall increase of \$15,622.80 for 2026. This increase has been included in the 2026 budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

According to the Agreement, if Johns Disposal was asking for a rate increase greater than the CPI, the City could terminate the contract at the end of the year. Since the requested increase is in line with the CPI, staff's recommendation is to approve the rate increase for 2026.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. 2026 Johns Rate Increase Request
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