



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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CITY OF LONG BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASE IN SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING RATES

Pursuant to State law, the City of Long Beach, Department of Public Works (PW) will hold a public hearing on February 5, 2019 to consider proposed increases to the City’s solid waste and recycling rates for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. If approved, rates would change effective March 1, 2019 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and on October 1, 2019 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

WHY ARE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING RATES INCREASING?

The proposed rates are needed to fund cost increases for collecting, processing and disposing of solid waste, labor and equipment costs, fuel charges, recyclable collection and processing, public education, and other mandated solid waste diversion programs. The proposed rates are analyzed in more detail in the “City of Long Beach Solid Waste Cost of Service and Rate Study,” dated November 29, 2018 and prepared by HF&H Consultants, LLC (the “Cost Study”). The proposed rates and Cost Study are on file with the City Clerk’s Office and may be reviewed there by an interested person. They are also available on the City’s website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbrecycles/>. Revenues derived from the proposed solid waste and recycling rates are used solely for the purpose of defraying costs incurred in providing efficient solid waste services and to ensure continued compliance with State law.

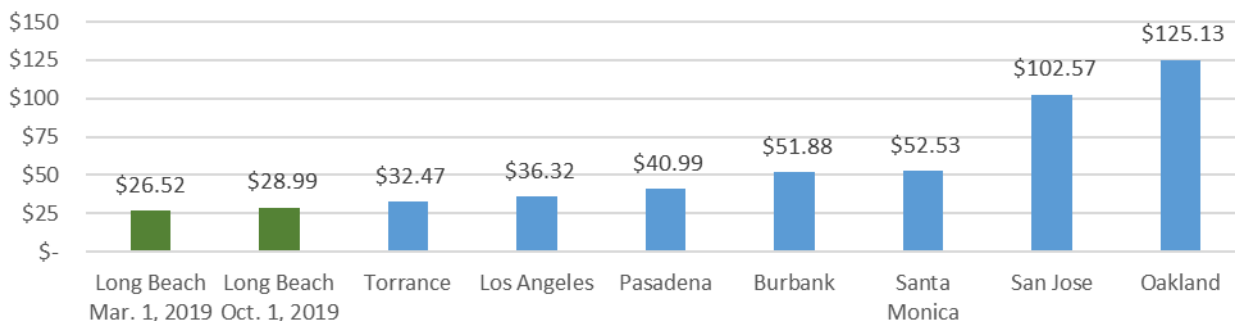
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Residential Refuse & Recycling Rates Comparison



PUBLIC NOTICE AND MAJORITY PROTEST PROCESS

In 1996, California voters adopted Proposition 218, which among other things, establishes a specific process for cities to impose or increase certain types of rates. In particular, Proposition 218 provides that certain “Property Related” rates are subject to a noticed public hearing and “majority protest” process. This Notice is a part of that process.

Solid waste and recycling collection rates are “Property Related” rates under Proposition 218. You are being provided with this notice 45 days in advance of the public hearing as the identified owner of real property in the City of Long Beach subject to the proposed solid waste and recycling rates. As a property owner, you have a right to submit a written protest to the proposed rate change.

All property owners of record and members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing. All members of the public are entitled to make comments at the public hearing, regardless of whether they choose to submit a written protest or own property that would be subject to the new increased rates. The City Council will hear and consider all materials and testimony as well as all written protests submitted against the proposed rate increases. At the close of the public hearing, the City Council may adopt the new rates if written protest against the proposed increase are not presented by a majority of identified parcels upon which the proposed rates are to be charged.

WHEN WILL THE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER THE RATES?

The City Council will consider the adoption of the proposed rates at a Public Hearing on:

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber
333 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

WHEN WOULD THE NEW RATES GO INTO EFFECT?

The proposed rate changes will become effective on March 1, 2019, if adopted by the City Council.

IS THERE A RIGHT TO PROTEST?

Yes. All protests must be in writing and include an original signature, and must be submitted as set forth below. Protests submitted by e-mail or facsimile, as well as verbal protests, will not be counted toward a “majority protest.” You may file a written protest in one of two ways:

1. **Written Protests by Mail.** If you wish to submit your written protest by mail, it must be actually received by the City Clerk (not postmarked) by the close of the public hearing on February 5, 2019. Send to: City Clerk; City of Long Beach; 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802.
2. **Written Protest in Person at the Public Hearing.** If you wish to hand-deliver your written protest in person, it must be received by the City Clerk prior to the close of the public hearing.

You must sign the written protest and include: (1) your name, (2) your street address, (3) your solid waste service account number, and (4) whether you are a residential and/or commercial customer. Please identify on the front of the envelope that the enclosed letter is for the “2019 Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Increase Public Hearing.” Only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel.

The City Clerk will tabulate written protests immediately following the close of the public hearing and will report the results directly to the City Council.

- If you do not want to protest the proposed rates, you do not need to take any action.

- If you want to protest the proposed rates, you must provide a written protest as outlined above.

WHAT RATES ARE BEING CONSIDERED?

The following charts summarize the rates subject to this Notice and the majority protest process. Other refuse-related charges (e.g., rollout charges, etc.) are not “property-related” and are not listed in this Notice, as they are not subject to the majority protest process under Proposition 218. For a more complete breakdown of solid waste rates, please refer to the proposed Rate Resolution available on the City’s website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbrecycles/>.

Cart Rates: The following 30-day rates apply to refuse cart collection and include all solid waste collection, disposal, and recyclables collection and processing costs.

Solid Waste and Recycling	Current Rates	Proposed Rates FY 2018-2019	Proposed Rates FY 2019-2020
64 Gallon Carts	\$ 20.47	\$ 22.45	\$ 24.47
100 Gallon Carts	\$ 24.11	\$ 26.52	\$ 28.99

Bin Rates: The following 30-day rates apply to refuse bin collection and include all solid waste collection, disposal, and recyclables processing costs.

Current			FY 2018-2019			
Container Size			Container Size			
Frequency	2	3	Frequency	2	3	4
1 /week	\$ 89.15	\$ 114.09	1 /week	\$ 99.38	\$ 127.30	\$ 199.22
2 /week	\$ 164.22	\$ 239.33	2 /week	\$ 183.44	\$ 267.57	\$ 367.37
3 /week	\$ 239.33	\$ 314.40	3 /week	\$ 267.57	\$ 351.64	\$ 535.61
4 /week	\$ 314.40	\$ 578.96	4 /week	\$ 351.64	\$ 647.95	\$ 703.77
5 /week	\$ 389.46	\$ 668.58	5 /week	\$ 435.72	\$ 748.33	\$ 871.92
6 /week	\$ 578.95	\$ 804.20	6 /week	\$ 647.95	\$ 900.22	\$ 1,296.37

FY 2019-2020			
Container Size			
Frequency	2	3	4
1 /week	\$ 110.82	\$ 142.09	\$ 222.64
2 /week	\$ 204.97	\$ 299.19	\$ 410.97
3 /week	\$ 299.19	\$ 393.36	\$ 599.40
4 /week	\$ 393.36	\$ 725.22	\$ 787.73
5 /week	\$ 487.53	\$ 837.64	\$ 976.06
6 /week	\$ 725.22	\$ 1,007.76	\$ 1,451.45

Recycling Rates: Recycling rates will continue to be \$4.03 for 30-days of service for cart and bin customers through FY2019-2020.

At the City of Long Beach, we take our responsibility for the community’s health, well-being, and quality of life very seriously. Our goal is to provide our customers with exceptional customer service and reliable refuse and recycling services.