



Notice of Public Hearing on Annual Commercial Solid Waste Rate Increase

November 20, 2024, at 5 p.m.

**Escondido City Hall
Council Chambers
201 North Broadway
Escondido CA 92025**

In compliance with Article XIID of the California State Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, the City of Escondido is hereby notifying all affected property owners of the proposed Commercial Solid Waste Rate increase effective January 1, 2025, the method upon which that Rate is calculated per property owner, and automatic pass-through adjustments for a period of five years.

Public Hearing Information

A Public Hearing will be held on November 20, 2024, at 5 p.m., at 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California, in the City Council Chambers to consider all written protests against the proposed rate increase, the method upon which that Rate is calculated per property owner, and future pass-through adjustments for a period of five years. The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed increase. At the public hearing, the City Council will receive a final tabulation of all written protests received by the City Clerk. Protests must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on November 19, 2024, or may be submitted in person before

the public hearing on November 20, 2024. The Council will then consider and may adopt the proposed Commercial Solid Waste Rate increase and the method upon which that Rate is calculated per property owner. Only one written protest is allowed per identified parcel. All written protests must be signed by the owner and contain a description of the property (address and/or Assessor Parcel Number). Please send your written protest to:

**City of Escondido
Office of the City Clerk**
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Protests submitted by email, facsimile, or other electronic means do not qualify and will not be accepted. Oral comments at the hearing will not qualify as written protests.

If a majority of affected property owners do not file written protests, the rate increase and future adjustments may be approved by the City Council.

Solid waste disposal and recycling rates and fees are established annually. These services are provided by a private contractor (Contractor) with an exclusive franchise to provide these services in the City of Escondido. The Agreement with the Contractor allows for an annual increase, effective January 1 of each year, by an amount not to exceed the product of the previous year's rate multiplied by the percentage change in the San Diego, CA area Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers (all items), base period of 1982 – 84 = 100, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve-month period for which statistics are available. The formula used to calculate the percentage is Current Period CPI – Previous Period CPI = index point change divided by previous period CPI multiplied by 100 = percent change. Under this formula, the

Contractor is eligible for a maximum 3.4788% increase in 2025. In addition, beginning January 1, 2025, commercial rates will increase an additional 0.5% for the city franchise fee. The Council could enact an escalation rate lower than 0.5% annually or no escalation. The city may consider future annual adjustments to the franchise fee, but any such future increase will not exceed 0.5% in any one year.

As part of this hearing, the city will consider authorizing future automatic inflationary adjustments in the solid waste disposal/recycling rates, the method upon which that Rate is calculated per property owner, for a period of five years based upon changes in the CPI formula as described above, plus any further adjustment in city franchise fees as noted above. Notice of any such future inflationary rate adjustments and fee adjustments will be provided at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such adjustment.

	1/1/24	Proposed 01/01/25
Base Commercial Rate 3 yard 1/week	\$116.33	\$120.38
Franchise Fee	17.38	18.79
AB939	1.72	1.72
Household Hazardous Waste	0.52	0.52
Total	\$135.95	\$141.41

To see a complete rate schedule or have questions about the proposed Solid Waste Rate increase, please call the City of Escondido's Utilities Administration office at 760-839-4662.

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