



**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASES TO
SOLID WASTE RATES**

Dear Property Owner/Tenant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West Hollywood City Council will hold a public hearing on or after **6:30 PM on June 27, 2022**, or as soon as possible thereafter, **in the City of West Hollywood (City) Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers - 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069** to consider adopting increases to the rates for collection and handling of trash, recycling, and organic waste services within the City (collectively, "Solid Waste Services"). Said public hearing will be held to consider all oral testimony and written protests to, and the adoption of the proposed rate increases. If the West Hollywood City Council decides to conduct the hearing remotely in the interest of public health and safety pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021), information will be posted on the City's website as soon as possible, and will also be included in the published agenda for the June 27, 2022 West Hollywood City Council meeting.

Proposed Increase

Athens Services provides Solid Waste Services within the City pursuant to an exclusive franchise agreement. The City bills residential customers on the property tax roll and Athens Services bills commercial customers directly for the services. Beginning July 1, 2022, Athens Services will bill all multi-family customers (properties with 5 or more dwelling units) directly for Solid Waste Services. The rate structure for monthly Solid Waste Services is for three customer classes: (i) single family; (ii) multi-family; and (iii) commercial. The rates for Solid Waste Services for each customer class is determined based on: (i) the size of the container serving the property; (ii) the materials accepted in the container (e.g., trash, recyclables, or organic waste) serving the property; and (iii) the frequency of pickups per week.

The proposed rate increases for Solid Waste Services are necessary for Athens Services to provide mandatory organic waste collection services pursuant to regulations implementing Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016). Residents and businesses must separate organic waste (such as yard waste and food waste) from other trash to be managed at a facility other than the landfill. To accomplish this, all property owners, residents, and businesses will be required to enroll in collection services for trash, recyclables, and organic waste. Recycling services include processing of recyclables and organic wastes collected from all customers at state-regulated facilities. Other portions of the Solid Waste Services rate include fees charged to residential customers on the property tax rolls to administer the waste management contract and provide additional staffing and services for residential customers ("City Administrative Fee"); provide inspections, enforcement, and oversight; maintain infrastructure; provide education and outreach; and comply with state mandates (including, but not limited to AB 341, AB 1826 and SB 1383) relating to Solid Waste Services.

To cover the costs needed to provide a compliant residential and commercial organics program, Athens Services will implement the rate increases in Exhibit A effective July 1, 2022, for Solid Waste Services.

Annual Rate Adjustments

The annual rate adjustment effective July 1, 2022 shall consist of a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment, supplemental adjustment, and City Administrative Fee, as specified in Exhibit A. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter on July 1 through and including July 1, 2026, the rates in Exhibit A shall be adjusted by a CPI adjustment, supplemental adjustment, and City Administrative Fee, as described below.

CPI Adjustment

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter on July 1 through and including July 1, 2026, the maximum rates provided in Exhibit A shall be automatically adjusted annually based upon the annual percentage change March to March in the CPI for Trash and Garbage Collection (CUUR0000SEHG02), United States City Average (not seasonally adjusted), as determined by the United States Department of Labor Statistics, plus 1%.

Supplemental Adjustment

In addition to the CPI adjustment, a supplemental adjustment shall be applied, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter on July 1 through and including July 1, 2026, as follows:

Period Beginning	Supplemental Adjustment
July 1, 2023	+ 10.4%
July 1, 2024	+ 7.5%
July 1, 2025	+ 5.3%
July 1, 2026	+ 3.6%

Except for the City Administrative Fee, the maximum total annual adjustment of rates shall be the percentage of the annual CPI adjustment plus the annual supplemental adjustment. In other words, CPI adjustment + supplemental adjustment = maximum total annual adjustment. The maximum rates in Exhibit A, except for the City Administrative Fee, shall be adjusted each July 1 by multiplying the rates by the maximum total annual adjustment (as a percentage).

City Administrative Fee Adjustment

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter on July 1 through and including July 1, 2026, the maximum rate of the "City Administrative Fee" in Exhibit A shall be automatically adjusted based upon the annual percentage change January to January in the CPI, All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metropolitan Area (not seasonally adjusted), as determined by the United States Department of Labor Statistics. However, the City Administrative Fee shall not be increased by more than 10% in any fiscal year.

How to Protest

Any property owner or tenant may file a written protest against the proposed annual adjustments for inflation at any time before the end of the public hearing. Only one written protest per parcel will be counted. The protest must identify: (a) the location of the identified parcel (by street address or Assessor's Parcel Number); (b) the name and signature of the property owner/tenant; and (c) a clear written statement protesting the rate increase. If the person submitting the written protest is the owner of record, but was not shown on Los Angeles County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner, that person must provide written evidence that the person is the property owner. Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person, and must be received (not postmarked) by the Office of the City Clerk, City of West Hollywood, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069, prior to the close of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing on June 27, 2022. Oral, telephonic, facsimile, and e-mail protests will not be accepted. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, "2022 Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rate Increases." To ensure transparency and accountability in the tabulation of written protests, protests shall constitute a disclosable public record from and after the time they are received.

The City Council will consider all written protests and hear and consider all oral comments to the proposed rate increases for Solid Waste Services and the annual rate adjustments at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of the rate increases to the Solid Waste Services and the annual rate adjustments as described herein. If written protests against the proposed Solid Waste Services and annual rate adjustments are not presented by a majority of the property owners of the identified parcels upon which the rates are proposed to be imposed and tenants directly responsible for the payment of the Solid Waste Services, the City Council will be authorized to impose the Solid Waste Services rates and annual rate adjustments as outlined above. If adopted, the proposed rate increases in Exhibit A will take effect beginning July 1, 2022. The City is conducting this Proposition 218 majority protest proceeding out of an abundance of caution and without conceding the applicability of Proposition 218 to Solid Waste Services.

Questions

If you have questions about how your rates will be affected, please contact Matt Magener, Environmental Programs Coordinator, at (323) 848-6894 or mmagener@weho.org. Questions about filing a written protest should be directed to the City Clerk at (323) 848-6409. Office hours are M-F, 8am-5pm.

Melissa Crowder, City Clerk

Exhibit A
Maximum Solid Waste Rates Effective July 1, 2022

A. Single Family Cart Collection Services (Trash, Recyclables, Organics)	Condition	Maximum Rate
Cart Collection - 20, 32, 64, or 96 Gallon Refuse	Per unit per month	\$ 21.09
Each Additional Trash Cart - (2 carts or more)	Each cart, for 2+ carts	\$ 7.82
Each Additional Recycling Cart	No charge	\$ -
Each Additional Organic Waste Cart - (2 carts or more)	Each cart, for 2+ carts	\$ 7.82
Walk Out Service - Qualified Disability Only	No charge	\$ -
Walk Out Service - Not Qualified as Disabled	Per cart per month	\$ 5.00
Bulky Waste Collection	No charge	\$ -
Senior and Low Income Discount	Discount on base collection rates	10.00%
City Administrative Fee	Per unit per month	\$ 1.29

B. Multi-family Mixed Waste Trash & Recyclables) - One Container (100% Processing)*

Container Size	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							Extra Empty
	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	
64 Gallon	14.24	28.48	42.72	56.95	71.20	85.43	99.67	8.85
96 Gallon	19.94	39.86	59.81	79.73	99.67	119.60	139.54	8.85
1 Cubic Yard	95.70	134.55	188.93	244.73	291.97	337.79	523.86	45.05
1.5 Cubic Yard	111.17	159.05	213.94	287.13	342.02	396.90	579.87	45.05
2 Cubic Yard	122.44	177.32	232.25	295.59	350.45	415.21	598.19	63.33
3 Cubic Yard	140.76	204.11	268.84	323.73	396.90	451.81	634.78	63.33
4 Cubic Yard	159.05	250.54	305.42	387.07	470.11	543.29	726.28	99.93
5 Cubic Yard	177.32	268.84	360.29	441.96	543.29	624.94	807.90	99.93
6 Cubic Yard	185.81	287.13	405.38	488.38	606.65	698.13	881.08	99.93
3 Compactor	311.06	457.46	601.00	726.28	892.39	1,017.60	1,432.82	135.14

C. Multi-family Mixed Waste Trash & Recyclables) - Each Add'l Container (100% Processing)*

Container Size	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							
	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	
64 Gallon	11.78	24.90	38.90	53.04	67.09	81.16	96.47	
96 Gallon	16.49	34.86	54.48	74.25	93.93	113.64	135.06	
1 Cubic Yard	79.12	115.72	169.21	224.12	270.53	315.59	498.56	
1.5 Cubic Yard	94.63	142.45	197.35	270.53	325.45	380.36	563.30	
2 Cubic Yard	105.88	160.77	215.66	279.00	333.88	398.63	581.61	
3 Cubic Yard	124.17	187.51	252.23	307.11	380.36	435.19	618.21	
4 Cubic Yard	142.45	233.93	288.86	370.48	453.50	526.72	709.68	
5 Cubic Yard	160.77	252.23	343.72	425.37	526.72	608.36	791.32	
6 Cubic Yard	169.21	270.53	388.76	471.80	590.05	681.52	864.47	
3 Compactor	294.47	440.85	584.42	709.68	875.76	1,001.05	1,416.21	

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D. Multi-Family Bin Organic Waste Collection Services - One Container								
Bin	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							Extra
Size	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	Empty
64 Gallon	64.11	116.67	169.24	221.81	274.37	326.94	379.51	8.85
1 Cubic Yard	95.70	134.55	188.93	244.73	291.97	337.79	523.86	45.05
1.5 Cubic Yard	111.17	159.05	213.94	287.13	342.02	396.90	579.87	45.05
2 Cubic Yard	122.44	177.32	232.25	295.59	350.45	415.21	598.19	63.33
E. Multi-Family Bin Organic Waste Collection Services - Each Additional Container								
Bin	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							Extra
Size	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	Empty
64 Gallon	51.28	102.03	154.15	206.55	258.54	310.62	367.31	
1 Cubic Yard	79.12	115.72	169.21	224.12	270.53	315.59	498.56	
1.5 Cubic Yard	94.63	142.45	197.35	270.53	325.45	380.36	563.30	
2 Cubic Yard	105.88	160.77	215.66	279.00	333.88	398.63	581.61	
F. Multi-Family Additional Recycling and Other Services							Condition	Maximum Rate
Recycling Cart							No charge	\$ -
Walk Out Service - Qualified Disability Only							No charge	\$ -
Walk Out Service - Not Qualified as Disabled							Per cart per month	\$ 5.00
Bulky Waste Collection							No charge	\$ -
1, 2 or 3 Barrel Rack							Per rack per month	\$ 88.50
Senior and Low Income Discount							Discount on base collection rates	10.00%
City Administrative Fee							Per unit per month	\$ 1.29
G. Commercial Mixed Waste Collection Services - One Container (100% Processing)*								
Container	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							Extra
Size	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	Empty
64 Gallon	21.11	42.20	63.31	84.40	105.51	126.60	147.71	8.85
96 Gallon	29.54	59.08	88.63	118.16	147.71	177.24	206.79	8.85
1 Cubic Yard	141.83	196.12	275.36	356.71	425.55	492.33	763.51	56.22
1.5 Cubic Yard	164.80	235.71	317.10	425.55	506.94	588.29	859.49	56.22
2 Cubic Yard	181.49	262.87	344.24	438.07	519.41	615.44	886.63	79.06
3 Cubic Yard	208.59	302.50	398.45	479.80	588.29	669.66	940.85	79.06
4 Cubic Yard	235.71	371.31	452.69	573.72	696.76	805.23	1,076.43	124.70
5 Cubic Yard	262.87	398.45	534.03	655.02	805.23	926.23	1,197.47	124.70
6 Cubic Yard	275.36	425.55	600.80	723.87	899.11	1,034.75	1,305.92	124.70
3 Compactor	461.07	678.01	890.79	1,076.43	1,322.59	1,508.30	2,123.63	168.61

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H. Commercial Mixed Waste Collection Services - Each Additional Container (100% Processing)*								
Container	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							
Size	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	
64 Gallon	17.46	36.90	57.67	78.59	99.42	120.28	142.96	
96 Gallon	24.44	51.67	80.73	110.03	139.19	168.39	200.14	
1 Cubic Yard	117.32	171.51	250.81	332.17	400.99	467.76	738.97	
1.5 Cubic Yard	140.21	211.12	292.53	400.99	482.35	563.73	834.91	
2 Cubic Yard	156.87	238.28	319.59	413.53	494.85	590.84	862.03	
3 Cubic Yard	184.01	277.90	373.82	455.22	563.73	645.07	916.27	
4 Cubic Yard	211.12	346.76	428.12	549.11	672.21	780.71	1,051.88	
5 Cubic Yard	238.28	373.82	509.44	630.48	780.71	901.65	1,172.90	
6 Cubic Yard	250.81	400.99	576.21	699.27	874.54	1,010.18	1,281.30	
3 Compactor	436.46	653.41	866.19	1,051.88	1,298.02	1,483.71	2,099.10	
I. Commercial Bin Organic Waste Collection Services - One Container								
Bin	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							Extra
Size	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	Empty
64 Gallon	95.00	172.90	250.80	328.70	406.60	484.50	562.40	8.85
1 Cubic Yard	141.83	196.12	275.36	356.71	425.55	492.33	763.51	56.22
1.5 Cubic Yard	164.80	235.71	317.10	425.55	506.94	588.29	859.49	56.22
2 Cubic Yard	181.49	262.87	344.24	438.07	519.41	615.44	886.63	79.06
3 Cubic Yard**	208.59	302.50	398.45	479.80	588.29	669.66	940.85	79.06
J. Commercial Bin Organic Waste Collection Services - Each Additional Container								
Bin	Collection Frequency - Maximum Rate							Extra
Size	1x/week	2x/week	3x/week	4x/week	5x/week	6x/week	7x/week	Empty
64 Gallon	76.00	151.20	228.44	306.09	383.13	460.32	544.32	
1 Cubic Yard	117.32	171.51	250.81	332.17	400.99	467.76	738.97	
1.5 Cubic Yard	140.21	211.12	292.53	400.99	482.35	563.73	834.91	
2 Cubic Yard	156.87	238.28	319.59	413.53	494.85	590.84	862.03	
3 Cubic Yard**	184.01	277.90	373.82	455.22	563.73	645.07	916.27	
* Recycling service is at no additional charge.								
** 3 cubic yard organics containers are only for existing restaurant route customers.								

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K. Additional Services	Condition	Maximum Rate
All Accounts: Declined Payment	Each item payment declined for any reason	\$ 29.54
All Accounts: Late Fees 10.00% of outstanding balance	After 60 days, \$5.00 minimum	10.00%
All Accounts: Stop Service, Resume Service	After service is stopped due to non-payment	\$ 30.00
All Accounts: Standby Time (Each 15 minutes)	After 15 minutes of driver delay	\$ 40.00
All Accounts: Metal Container Repair (Per hour)	Excluding parts, one hour minimum	\$ 100.00
Carts: Overage Service (Free for first 2 requests each CY)	Each service, for 3+ overages per calendar year	\$ 8.85
Carts: Return Charge (Customer request, carts not out)	Each set of commercial or residential carts	\$ 35.32
Carts: Delivery, Exchange, Bring In, Wash-Out, Change of Service	Each set of commercial or residential carts	\$ 30.00
Carts: Replacement Cart Damaged (Result of customer mis-use)	Each commercial or residential cart	\$ 116.53
Carts: Contamination (exceeding 10% of recycling or organics)	Per occurrence, after 2 warnings per calendar year	\$ 50.00
Bins: Lock-Lid One-Time Set-Up	Per lock	\$ 35.00
Bins: Lock-Lid Service (Per lock x frequency)	Per lock times frequency	\$ 11.68
Bins: Push-Out Service (Over 25 feet)	Per bin times frequency	\$ 7.50
Bins: Scout Service	Per bin per month	\$ 25.00
Bins: Dead-Run	Per occurrence, permanent or temp bins	\$ 41.48
Bins: Extra Dump, Excess Waste/Weight, Go-Back - MFD 1CY/1.5CY	Per occurrence, permanent or temp bins	\$ 45.05
Bins: Extra Dump, Excess Waste/Weight, Go-Back - MFD 2CY/3CY	Per occurrence, permanent or temp bins	\$ 63.33
Bins: Extra Dump, Excess Waste/Weight, Go-Back - MFD 4CY/6CY	Per occurrence, permanent or temp bins	\$ 99.93
Bins: Extra Dump, Excess Waste/Weight, Go-Back - Com 1CY/1.5CY	Per occurrence, permanent or temp bins	\$ 56.22
Bins: Extra Dump, Excess Waste/Weight, Go-Back - Com 2CY/3CY	Per occurrence, permanent or temp bins	\$ 79.06
Bins: Extra Dump, Excess Waste/Weight, Go-Back - Com 4CY/6CY	Per occurrence, permanent or temp bins	\$ 124.70
Bins: Wash-Out (Free for two occurrences per year)	Per wash-out after 2 free per calendar year	\$ 58.05
Bins: Delivery, Exchange, Bring In, Change of Service Exchange	Per bin, per occurrence	\$ 75.00
Bins: Custom Bin Fabrication	Per cubic yard of bin capacity	\$ 450.00
Bins: Bin Exchange with Metal Lids	Per bin, per occurrence	\$ 180.00
Bins: Enclosure Clean-Up	Per bin of enclosure capacity	\$ 30.00
Bins: Contamination (exceeding 10% of recycling or organics)	Per occurrence, after 2 warnings per calendar year	\$ 175.00
Commercial: Bulky Item Pickup Service	Each commercial bulky item collected	\$ 32.73
Commercial: Bulky Item Pickup - Dead-Run	Items not set out for scheduled collection	\$ 42.11
Temp Bin: One temp bin for 7 days with one dump	Extra dumps at "extra empty rates"	\$ 112.60
Temp Bin: Demurrage	Per day - no dumps in 7 days	\$ 7.00
Roll-Off: Open-Top Haul Charge	Pull only - plus tons at per ton tip fee	\$ 315.27
Roll-Off: Compactor Haul Charge	Pull only - plus tons at per ton tip fee	\$ 315.27
Roll-Off: Green Waste Haul Charge	Pull only - plus tons at per ton tip fee	\$ 315.27
Roll-Off: Initial Delivery, Dead-Run, Go-Back, Box Relocation	Per occurrence	\$ 151.52
Roll-Off: Overweight Charge	Per ton over ten tons - excluding disposal	\$ 75.00
Roll-Off: "Rocket Launcher" Service	Per hour, one hour minimum	\$ 130.00
Roll-Off: Same Day Expedited Request	Per occurrence	\$ 75.00
Roll-Off: Compactor Wash-Out	Per occurrence	\$ 250.00
Roll-Off: Compactor Lease	Per month - excluding maintenance	\$ 595.00
Roll-Off: Roll-Off Box or Storage Box Rental	Per month - excluding maintenance	\$ 165.85
Roll-Off: Demurrage per Day - Contractor-Owned Containers	Per day - no hauls in 7 days	\$ 15.00
Roll-Off: Roll-Top Rental	Per month - excluding maintenance	\$ 75.00

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L. Tipping Fees	Condition	Maximum Rate
Roll-Off: Disposal - Trash	Per ton	\$ 92.50
Roll-Off: Disposal - Green Waste	Per ton	\$ 118.07
Roll-Off: Disposal - Food Waste	Per ton	\$ 118.07
Roll-Off: Disposal - Mixed Waste	Per ton	\$ 118.07

----- **Official Written Protest** -----

Assessor's Parcel Number : _____
Property Address: _____

I protest the proposed rate increases to cover the costs needed to provide a compliant residential and commercial organics program pursuant to California law.

I protest the proposed automatic annual rate adjustments to Solid Waste Service charges, commencing July 1, 2023 and each July 1st through July 1, 2026.

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury of the laws of California, that I am authorized to submit a written protest on behalf of the parcel identified above.

Property Owner/Tenant	Date
Signature	_____
Print	_____

This written protest becomes a public record upon submission and is subject to public inspection at that time.

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