



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASES TO SOLID WASTE RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Azusa (“City”) will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** 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”). This notice is being mailed to the owner of record of each identified parcel or customers responsible for paying for Solid Waste Services. Said **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the regular City Council meeting on **MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022, at 7:30 P.M.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the **Civic Auditorium, 213 E. Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, CA 91702**, to consider all oral testimony and written protests to, and the adoption of the proposed rate increases. If the City Council decides to conduct the hearing remotely in the interest of public health and safety pursuant to AB 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021), the 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 20, 2022 City Council meeting.

The proposed maximum rate increases to Solid Waste Service by are set forth in Table 1 for typical residential and commercial Solid Waste Services and Table 2 for Optional Additional Solid Waste Services. If approved by the City Council, the rates specified in Tables 1 and 2 will take effect beginning July 1, 2022, and will be increased each July 1 thereafter, through and including July 1, 2026.

Table 3: Organics Fee Credits

Year	Credit
7/2022-6/2023	50% (customer will be paying 50% of organic rate)
7/2023-6/2024	25% (customer will be paying 75% of organic rate)
7/2024-6/2025	0% (customer will be paying 100% of organic rate)

Proposed Rate Increases

Mandatory Organics Recycling Program for Residential and Commercial Customers

Athens Services provides Solid Waste Services within the City pursuant to an exclusive franchise agreement. Athens bills the customers directly for the services. The rate structure for monthly Solid Waste Services are for three customer classes: (i) residential, (ii) multi-family and (iii) commercial. The rates for Solid Waste Services for each customer class is determined on the basis of (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 rate structure is comprised of service fees and material tipping fees.

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 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 automatically in

**TABLE 2. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SERVICES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

Optional Additional Services	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate
All Accounts: Declined Payment (any reason)	\$ 28.02	\$ 29.50
All Accounts: Late Fees (1.5% of past due balance per month, minimum fee)	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.90
All Accounts: Stand-by Time (each delay of 15 minutes)	\$ 39.22	\$ 41.30
All Accounts: Stop Service and/or Resume Service	\$ 28.02	\$ 29.50
All Accounts: Container Repair (per hour, excluding parts)	\$ 103.33	\$ 108.79
Permanent Bin Accounts: Bulky Item Pickup - First Item or Dead-Run on Scheduled Bulky Item Collection	\$ 28.02	\$ 29.50
Permanent Bin Accounts: Bulky Item Pickup - Each Additional Bulky Item after First Item	\$ 16.81	\$ 17.70
Permanent Bin Accounts: Bin Exchange with Metal Lids	\$ 214.44	\$ 225.77
Permanent Bin Accounts: Custom Bin Fabrication (per cubic yard)	\$ 327.78	\$ 345.10
Permanent Bin Accounts: On-Call Bin Rental or Tipping Bin Rental (per month)	\$ 59.36	\$ 62.49
Permanent & Temporary Bin Accounts: Delivery, Exchange, Size Exchange, Removal, Wash-Out	\$ 88.43	\$ 93.11
Permanent & Temporary Bin Accounts: Dead-Run, Go-Back, Excess Waste, Excess Weight	\$ 67.24	\$ 70.80
Permanent & Temporary Bin Accounts: Bin Exchange - Burned Bin	\$ 800.00	\$ 842.28
Permanent & Temporary Bin Accounts: Push-Out or Scout Service (per bin x frequency)	\$ 6.72	\$ 7.08
Permanent & Temporary Bin Accounts: Bin Enclosure Litter Clean-Up (per enclosure)	\$ 27.78	\$ 29.24
Permanent & Temporary Bin Accounts: Bin Enclosure Pressure Washing (per hour, 1 hour minimum)	\$ 83.33	\$ 87.73
Temporary Bin Accounts: 3 Cubic Yard C&D Bin (per lift - includes 7 days rental)	\$ 327.78	\$ 345.10
Temporary Bin Accounts: Demurrage (per day - no dump in 7 days)	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.90
Permanent Cart Accounts: Cart Replacement (customer damage, stolen)	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.29
Permanent Cart Accounts: Delivery, Exchange, Size Exchange, Bring In, Wash-Out	\$ 24.63	\$ 25.93
Permanent Cart Accounts: Dead-Run, Go-Back, Excess Waste, Excess Weight, Extra Pick-Up	\$ 24.84	\$ 26.16
Permanent Cart Accounts: Roll-Out Service (per month)	\$ 22.22	\$ 23.40
Permanent Cart Accounts: Cart Wash-Out Service (includes three carts)	\$ 22.22	\$ 23.40
Permanent Cart Accounts: Cart Wash-Out Service (each cart over three carts)	\$ 5.56	\$ 5.84
Roll-Off Accounts: Overweight (in addition to disposal charges for each load exceeding 10 tons)	\$ 110.00	\$ 115.81
Roll-Off Accounts: Delivery, Bring-In, Dead-Run, Go-Back, Relocation, Same-Day Expedite	\$ 107.77	\$ 113.47
Roll-Off Accounts: Roll-Top Lid Rental (per month)	\$ 57.27	\$ 60.29
Roll-Off Accounts: Open-Top Box or Storage Box Rental (per month)	\$ 118.70	\$ 124.98
Roll-Off Accounts: Compactor Rental (per month)	\$ 534.17	\$ 562.39
Roll-Off Accounts: Plastic Liner	\$ 43.33	\$ 45.62
Roll-Off Accounts: Certificate of Destruction	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.64
Roll-Off Accounts: "Rocket Launcher" Service (per hour for actual hours billed by subcontractor)	\$ 148.89	\$ 156.76
Roll-Off Accounts: Demurrage on Hauler-Owned Containers (per day - no hauls in 30 days)	\$ 13.44	\$ 14.16
Roll-Off Accounts: Compactor Wash-Out	\$ 219.61	\$ 231.21
All Accounts: Organic Container Contamination - First Offense During Program Implementation Phase	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.64
All Accounts: Organic Container Contamination - Second Offense During Program Implementation Phase	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.29
All Accounts: Organic Container Contamination - Third Offense During Program Implementation Phase	\$ 250.00	\$ 263.21
All Accounts: Organic Container Contamination - First Offense During Program Enforcement Period	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.29
All Accounts: Organic Container Contamination - Second Offense During Program Enforcement Period	\$ 200.00	\$ 210.57
All Accounts: Organic Container Contamination - Third Offense During Program Enforcement Period	\$ 500.00	\$ 526.42

Note: All rates are "per occurrence" - unless noted otherwise.

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 City fees for the City to administer the waste management contract; provide inspections, enforcement, and oversight; maintain infrastructure, provide education and outreach, and comply with state-mandates relating to Solid Waste Services.

To cover the costs needed to provide a compliant commercial and multi-family organics program, Athens Services will implement a 26.9% rate increase effective July 1, 2022 for organic waste collection services for commercial and multi-family properties to comply with SB 1383. In order to minimize the impact of this increase, Athens will provide a credit to multi-family and commercial customers to cover part of the organics barrel service as shown in Table 3 (which will be applied to the organics rates listed in Table 1 as a separate line item). As of July 1, 2024, customers will no longer receive a credit for organic waste collection services, and will pay the full amount listed in the rate sheet in Table 1.

Rate Adjustment Methodology

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and

annually thereafter on July 1 through and including July 1, 2026, the maximum rates provided in Table 1 shall be automatically adjusted annually based upon the annual percentage change (January to January) in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Trash and Garbage Collection (CUUR0000SEHG02), U.S. City Average (not seasonally adjusted), as determined by the United States Department of Labor Statistics. The adjustment factor shall be the percentage change in CPI plus one percent, with a floor of 3%, calculation; provided, however, that maximum service rates shall not be increased by more than 10% in any fiscal year.

**TABLE 1. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

How to Protest

Any record of owner of a property subject to proposed increases to the rates for Solid Waste Services and any tenant directly responsible for the payment of Solid Waste Services charges may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases; provided, however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must:

- (1) state that the identified property owner or tenant is in opposition to the proposed rate increases;
- (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address) and if available, please provide the Athens account number; and
- (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest.

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 City Clerk's Office at 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, CA 91702, prior to the close of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing on June 20, 2022. Oral, telephonic 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."

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 adjustment 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 adjustment as described herein. If written protests against the proposed Solid Waste Services and annual rate adjustment 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 adjustment as outlined above. If adopted, the proposed rate increases 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

The basis and reasons regarding the proposed rate increases are detailed in a report available at the Office of the City Clerk, 213 E. Foothill Boulevard; Azusa City Library, 729 N. Dalton Avenue; Azusa Light & Water, 729 N. Azusa Avenue, and on the City's website at www.AzusaCA.gov/947/Public-Hearings. If you have questions regarding this notice or how your rates will be affected, please call 626-812-5198 or email SolidWasteRecycling@azusaca.gov.

				Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate
Residential & Multi-Family Cart Service					
Single-family	96 Gal		Base Rate	36.14	38.01
	32 Gal		Base Rate - Senior Discount	32.53	34.21
	96 Gal		Add'l Cart (Any Type)	8.00	8.42
	64 Gal		Add'l Cart (Any Type)	6.00	6.32
	32 Gal		Add'l Cart (Any Type)	4.00	4.21
Commercial & Multi-Family Bin					
Bin: 6-Yard	6.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	246.29	311.82
	6.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	391.19	494.46
	6.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	536.03	676.85
	6.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	680.73	859.15
	6.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	825.83	1,041.97
	6.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	1,072.15	1,353.81
Bin: 5-Yard	5.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	221.31	280.34
	5.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	344.24	435.30
	5.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	467.06	590.02
	5.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	589.68	744.53
	5.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	712.61	899.46
	5.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	929.20	1,173.74
Bin: 4-Yard	4.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	196.34	248.88
	4.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	297.32	376.15
	4.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	398.11	503.20
	4.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	498.65	629.93
	4.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	599.37	756.95
	4.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	786.23	993.66
Bin: 3-Yard	3.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	171.62	217.72
	3.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	250.42	317.09
	3.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	329.32	416.60
	3.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	407.98	515.78
	3.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	487.06	615.52
	3.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	658.68	833.24
Bin: 2-Yard	2.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	154.95	196.83
	2.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	220.36	279.50
	2.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	285.41	361.70
	2.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	352.15	446.06
	2.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	416.81	527.78
	2.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	481.54	609.57
Bin: 1-1/2-Yard	1.50	1.00	1 day/week pickup	118.27	150.25
	1.50	2.00	2 day/week pickup	196.65	249.64
	1.50	3.00	3 day/week pickup	273.79	347.44
	1.50	4.00	4 day/week pickup*	308.98	391.76
	1.50	5.00	5 day/week pickup*	362.89	459.95
	1.50	6.00	6 day/week pickup	416.81	528.14
Compactor: 6-Yard Recycling	6.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	396.99	506.16
	6.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	692.94	883.50
	6.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	988.16	1,259.90
	6.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	1,283.61	1,636.60
	6.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	1,579.39	2,013.72
	6.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	1,875.20	2,390.88
Compactor: 3-Yard Trash	3.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	300.97	380.45
	3.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	509.13	642.55
	3.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	717.36	904.75
	3.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	925.32	1,166.62
	3.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	1,133.77	1,429.09
	3.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	1,342.20	1,691.55
Compactor: 2-Yard Trash	2.00	1.00	1 day/week pickup	241.18	305.31
	2.00	2.00	2 day/week pickup	392.85	496.49
	2.00	3.00	3 day/week pickup	544.13	687.17
	2.00	4.00	4 day/week pickup	697.08	879.98
	2.00	5.00	5 day/week pickup	847.93	1,070.14
	2.00	6.00	6 day/week pickup	998.97	1,260.48
Commercial Organics First Barrel		1.00	1 day/week pickup	106.08	111.65
		2.00	2 day/week pickup	184.16	193.85
		3.00	3 day/week pickup	262.24	276.06
		4.00	4 day/week pickup	340.33	358.27
		5.00	5 day/week pickup	418.42	440.48
		6.00	6 day/week pickup	496.49	522.69
Commercial Organics Each Additional Barrel		1.00	1 day/week pickup	90.15	94.87
		2.00	2 day/week pickup	156.81	165.05
		3.00	3 day/week pickup	223.49	235.26
		4.00	4 day/week pickup	290.15	305.44
		5.00	5 day/week pickup	356.83	375.64
		6.00	6 day/week pickup	368.43	387.86
Saturday Service				180.89	229.63
Lock-Lid Bin Change Out				88.42	112.76
Lock-Lid Ongoing Service				9.74	12.43
Temp Bins				185.05	235.70
Extra Dumps Perm or Temp - same day				68.07	86.56
Extra Dumps Perm or Temp - other day				96.73	123.10
Roll-Off Per pick-up + Actual MRF costs				466.73	592.97