



Notice of Public Hearing About Proposed Rate Increases for City Integrated Waste Management Services Rates Update

The City of Winters will hold a public hearing on June 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the City of Winters, City Council Chambers, 318 First Street, Winters, CA, to consider adopting increases to the rates for its refuse services (also known as integrated waste management services.). The City is proposing to enter into an agreement with Waste Management of Winters, CA that will impose an increase in refuse collection service fees to all Winters customers. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for Winters refuse customers to share their thoughts and comments with City officials regarding proposed rate changes and, if desired, to file a protest to the respective fee increases.

Through Waste Management of Winters, CA The City provides the full range of refuse collection. The Integrated Waste Management fees include the costs for collection, transportation, recycling, composting, and disposal of solid waste and construction debris and for providing temporary bin/roll-off services to commercial, industrial and residential properties within the Winters city limits. The City's legal mandate is to complete the refuse removal in compliance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The City's goal is to meet all legal requirements while providing dependable and high quality service to our customers.

Prior to recommending the proposed rate increases, the City of Winters evaluated Waste Management of Winters proposal to meet the service needs, mandated programs, and operational costs of providing refuse services to the City of Winters customers. Waste Management of Winters is proposing the increased rates to pay for the costs of providing integrated waste management services as reflected in the agreement dated 5-2-17 and the contract as prepared by Waste Management of Winters and City Staffs. These documents are available upon request at City Hall. Based on the negotiations between Waste Management and the City of Winters, the City has determined that it is necessary to increase the City's refuse rates to support the City's service obligations, government regulatory requirements, and infrastructure improvements.

Integrated Waste Management Services Rates

The Integrated Waste Management Services Rates have increased due to the following:

- (1) Increased fees at the Yolo County Landfill.
- (2) The requirement that all Garbage trucks be powered by CNG fuel (Clean Natural Gas).

- (3) Implementing Containerized Green Waste Program to be proactive on storm water compliance.
- (4) Containerized Green waste to facilitate organics recycling to meet goals of California AB32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act.

The amount of the refuse rate is calculated based on each customer’s container size for solid waste, and includes charges for green waste (loose piles), recycling and containerized green waste. Below are tables showing the current and proposed cost of the most common residential refuse service, including the services provided, and the monthly and yearly increase for each of the most common residential refuse services. Included as attachment A to this notice, is the full list of services, both residential and non-residential, with the current rate and the proposed rate.

Current Residential Services 7-1-15 to 6-30-17					
Container Size	32 Gallon		64 Gallon		96 Gallon
Monthly Cost	\$ 31.50		\$ 34.97		\$ 41.19
Service Received	Weekly MSW Cart Collection				
	Bi-weekly Recycle Cart Collection				
	Weekly Street Pile Collection up to 5 cubic yards				
	Weekly Street Cleaning				
	1 Free Annual Residential Curbside Bulky Collection				
	2 Bulky Waste /HHW Drop off Collection Event				

Proposed Residential Services 7-1-17					
Container Size	32 Gallon		64 Gallon		96 Gallon
Monthly Cost	\$ 33.38		\$ 36.87		\$ 43.28
Service Received	Weekly MSW Cart Collection				
	Bi-weekly Recycle Cart Collection				
	Feb- to Oct 31 Monthly Street Pile Collection /Sweeping up to 5 cubic yards				
	Nov 1 to Jan 31 Weekly Street Pile Collection /Sweeping				
	1 Free Annual Residential Curbside Bulky Collection				
	1 Bulky Waste /HHW Drop off Collection Event				
	Bi-weekly Organics Cart Collection				
	Remove Alley Service				

Container Size	32 Gallon		64 Gallon		96 Gallon
Monthly Increase	\$ 1.88		\$ 1.90		\$ 2.09
Yearly Increases	\$ 22.56		\$ 22.80		\$ 25.08

The proposed contract is for a 10 year period, and fees are allowed to increase according to the average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Water and sewer and trash collection services, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending nearest, but at least 60 days prior to July 1 of each year, beginning with July 1, 2018.

The City's contract with Waste Management includes an obligation by Waste Management to pay a franchise fee which helps to fund the cost to the City of management of the waste franchise, street and right of way maintenance and associated engineering costs, and other costs incurred by the City in connection with the integrated waste management services provide by the fees, including but not limited to recycling management/education, household hazardous waste collection and education, landfill advisory and grants management.

You Can be Heard

The City of Winters will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at a meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Winters Community Chambers, 318 First Street, Winters, CA, to consider adopting increases to the rates for its integrated waste management services. Proposition 218 allows customers to object to proposed rate increases prior to, and up until the close of, the public hearing. Any customer of record may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases. However, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Protests may be submitted by mail or in person (protests submitted by e-mail will not be accepted) to the City Clerk at 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694, or during the public hearing. Any protests received during the public hearing must be received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing. Please include the words "Public Hearing on Rate Increases" on the front of any envelope submitted with a protest.

A valid written protest must contain:

- A clear statement that the customer/property owner is in opposition to the proposed rate increase;
- Name and signature of customer or property owner;
- Property address or assessor's parcel number; and
- Written evidence that the signer(s) is/are the owner(s) of the property if the signer(s) was/were not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of Yolo County as the owner(s) of the property (not applicable to non-owner customers).

At the public hearing on June 20, 2017 the City Council will hear and consider all written and oral protests to the proposed integrated waste management services rate increase. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a valid written protest.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will consider authorizing the rate increases as described above. If a majority of customers/property owners of the identified parcels upon which the rates are proposed to be imposed file valid written protests against the proposed rate increases, the proposed rate changes will not be imposed. If adopted the proposed rate increases will take effect July 1, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or the proposed rate increases, please call (530) 794-6704 between 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday.