



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Compton will hold a *Public Hearing concerning Consideration of Proposed Adjustments, Including Increases to the Rates for Solid Waste Collection Services, Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 5:45 P.M.*

The public hearing will be held at Compton City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 205 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed Notice, the proposed rate adjustments, or you would like more information please contact: Dominique Stewart, Administrative Analyst II, (310) 605-5563 or email dstewart@comptoncity.org.

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City Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Consideration of Proposed Adjustments, Including Increases to the Rates for Solid Waste Collection Services (Trash, Recycling and Organic Waste)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article XIID of the California Constitution, the City Council of the City of Compton will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the adoption of proposed adjustments, including increases, to the rates for solid waste collection services (trash, recycling and organic waste), effective commencing on January 1, 2023. In addition, the City Council will consider a proposed amendment to the existing solid waste collection services agreement at the public hearing. The **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held on **Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, **205 S. Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220**. At the public hearing, all interested persons will have the opportunity to appear before the City Council and be heard. The City of Compton welcomes your participation and input throughout the process as the City Council considers the proposed new rates that are explained in this notice.

WHY RATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

In September 2016, then Governor Jerry Brown signed into law SB 1383, which established statewide targets to reduce disposal of organic waste (including green waste and food waste) by 75% of the 2014 level and recover at least 20% of edible food currently sent to landfills by 2025. Pursuant to SB 1383, organic waste will be collected in green waste containers, which will be subjected to mandatory processing that significantly increases the cost of handling that material. SB 1383 also requires jurisdictions to undertake new measures, including taking steps to reduce contamination. As a result of this state-imposed, unfunded regulation, the City must require residents and businesses to separate organic waste from other trash to be managed at a facility other than a landfill. To accomplish this, generators will be required to subscribe to and participate in the City's organic waste collection service.

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO SOLID WASTE RATES

The City contracts for residential and commercial solid waste collection services with a private waste hauler, Republic Services, Inc. At the public hearing, the City Council will consider the approval of amendments to the existing agreement with Republic Services, Inc. The amendments include new organics recycling services to be provided by Republic to assist the City to comply with the SB 1383 State mandates.

The City is proposing the increases to the solid waste collection services rates to cover the cost of the services provided under the amended agreement. Single family and multi-family dwellings with cart service are charged a monthly base rate, which includes a refuse cart, a recycling cart, and a green waste cart, which will now include food waste. Customers may choose to take additional carts for an additional charge. Multi-family dwellings and Commercial properties with bin service are charged a monthly base rate based on the number, size of bin(s), and the number of weekly pick-ups.

The City's solid waste rates were last adjusted effective July 1, 2022. If approved, the proposed increases will take effect on January 1, 2023. In addition, **the rates will be automatically adjusted to account for inflation on July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2027**. The annual inflation adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, Water, Sewer and Trash collection services (SERIES ID: CUSR0000SEHG) for the twelve-month period ending in April, prior to the July 1 rate increase. However, the annual inflation adjustment rate increase will not exceed 5% in any given year.

The table below compares the current monthly base rates for typical residential cart and bin services with those proposed for January 1, 2023.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES

	Residential	Bin Service*
Current Rate	\$26.85	\$231.31
Proposed Rate	\$27.66**	\$283.35**
Increase Amount	\$0.81	\$52.04

* Price for 1 3YD 1Xwk Refuse Service

** Amount will automatically be increased July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027 for the annual inflation adjustment, not to exceed 5% in any given year.

The entire proposed rate schedule can be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.comptoncity.org/depts/mu/waste/default.asp>

PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all protests and objections to the proposed rate increases. Property owners and tenants directly responsible for the payment of the rates (each a "customer") may protest the proposed rate increases in writing prior to or during the public hearing. Written protests can be mailed or personally delivered to the City Clerk, but must be received no later than the close of the public hearing on November 22, 2022. Written protests may be submitted to the City Clerk at the public hearing, delivered in person or mailed to:

City Clerk
City of Compton
205 S Willowbrook Ave.
Compton, CA 90220

A valid written protest must include the following:

1. The name of the customer submitting the protest; and,
2. Identification of the parcel by either the assessor's parcel number or street address; and,
3. A statement of protest against the proposed rate increases ("I/we protest" will suffice); and,
4. The original signature of the customer submitting the protest (photocopies, electronic mail, electronic copies, e-comments, or faxes will not be accepted).

If a parcel has more than one customer, only one written protest against the proposed increases will be counted. A majority protest against the proposed increases will exist if, at the end of the public hearing, there are written protests submitted (and not withdrawn) by a majority of the customers subject to the proposed rate increases. The City Council may not adopt the proposed rate increases if there is a majority protest exists (50% plus one). The City Clerk will determine the validity of all protests submitted and exclude any invalid protest from the final tabulation.

For more information regarding the State unfunded mandates, please visit CalRecycle's website at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>

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