



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-1335

Motion: 25-207

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☒ Other

☐ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Subject: Revised Solid Waste Fee Schedule 2026.

Scope: Proposed Motion 25-207 is an accompanying motion to Ordinance 25-027 and would update the fee schedule for green waste and clean wood waste and keep the fee for illegal dumping at the current rate of \$50 per ton. The Snohomish County Solid Waste Fee Schedule (see the Fee Schedule within the ECAF).

Duration: Proposed start date: January 1, 2026. (Please note the green waste and clean wood program is currently suspended. The proposed fee increase is in anticipation of this program becoming operational.)

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☒ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

In August 2024 Council approved [Motion 24-325](#), which allowed for an update to the illegal dumping fee to be set at \$50 per ton starting on January 1, 2025, and increasing to \$52 per ton on January 1, 2026. The \$2 increase is no longer necessary and the proposed motion requests that the illegal dumping fee remain at \$50 per ton until further notice.

Expend	2025	2026	Total
402.5067064722 Solid Waste Fees	\$984.00	\$1,013.00	\$6,200.00
Revenue	2025	2026	Total
402.3064014372 Solid Waste Fees	\$984.00	\$1,013.00	\$6,200.00

Authority Granted: Approves the amended Solid Waste Service Fee Schedule dated January 1, 2026, under SCC 7.41.020.

Background: According to Snohomish County Code, the solid waste fee schedule will be based on full cost recovery standards and the service fees for solid waste disposal shall be based upon measured weights whenever possible. The Snohomish County Public Works Solid Waste Division has completed the cost-of-service analysis and rate study, which has evaluated current program fees and operational expenses. A step process is being implemented to increase the fees to meet the expense of the programs. An accompanying Ordinance 25-027 is proposed to change County Code to allow for an annual 3% increase to certain fees, update certain fees and add a separate fee for waste export specific services.

In November 2022 the Council approved [Motion 22-494](#) establishing a minimum weight per container for the RRW program and raising the fee on Vector Waste from \$201 per vector truck load to \$315 per vector truck load.

In September 2023 the Council approved [Motion 23-390](#) which revised the operating rules and increased the RRW rate from \$65 per ton to \$85 per ton.

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A new contract for Moderate Risk Waste disposal was signed in January 2024 and the Division has been paying higher disposal costs than what is published on the existing fee schedule. The Solid Waste Division (SWD) completed a Council approved ([Motion 24-088](#)) Cost of Service and Rate Analysis, which created a service and rate model to assist with cost forecasting. After reviewing the results of the analysis, it was determined that the adopted tipping fee schedule was no longer adequate to sustain the services.

Due to various reasons, the green waste and clean wood program was suspended and is currently under review. The proposed service fee changes will update the fee schedule for this program so that adequate recovery fees would be in place for if/when it becomes available.

The following table highlights the requested fee schedule updates:

Material	Existing Service Fee	Proposed Service Fee Effective 1/1/2026
Source separated green waste (per ton)	\$45	\$160
Source separated green waste min. fee (up to 500 lbs)	\$11	\$40
Source separated clean wood waste (per ton)	\$45	\$160
Source separated clean wood min. fee (up to 500 lbs)	\$11	\$40
Reduced fee for illegal dumping (per ton) plus tax	\$50	\$50

Requested Action: This motion accompanies Ordinance 25-027 and is requested to be considered after the ordinance at the May 28th Public Hearing.