



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole
ECAF: 2022-1204
Proposal: Motion 22-494

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: November 22, 2022

Consideration:

The proposed motion would approve the Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division Service Fee Schedule, 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 solid waste service fee schedule has not been updated since 2012. The division is concurrently proposing amendments to County Code Section 7.35 and 7.4 by Ordinance 22-068. The residual reclamation waste (RRW) program rate is not proposed to be changed, however the addition of a minimum weight per container is being requested, which is estimated to save 620 containers per year, maximizing the Intermodal container availability.

There is a proposed additional rate change for vector disposal to cover both additional capital and operations costs of the facility. The proposed fee change will also remove certain electronic items that will no longer be accepted from the fee schedule and add a reduced fee for illegal dumping.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Approval by motion is sought from Council to approve the proposed Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division Service Fee Schedule.

Duration: The proposed fee schedule will take effect January 1, 2023.

Fiscal Implications: The proposed vector fees increase would pay for increased operational costs and needed capital improvements. The loss of revenue from screenings is less than the increased vector fees, thus an increase in solid waste revenues is projected.

2022 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: Additional revenue is anticipated from RRW customers who underfill their intermodal containers and is also anticipated from vector system customers.

Handling: EXPEDITE

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Risk Management: Notified

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Analysis: The proposed fee schedule change requires council approval, under SCC7.41.022.

Proposed Solid Waste Service Fee Schedule Changes:

Existing Service Fee		Proposed Service Fee	
Material	Fee	Material	Fee
SOLID WASTE BASED ON CUBIC YARD AT NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL CENTERS	(no change)	SOLID WASTE BASED ON CUBIC YARD AT DROP BOX SITES	(no change)
VACTOR WASTE	\$201.00 per vactor truck load	VACTOR WASTE	\$ 315.00 per vactor truck load
ELECTRONIC WASTE – CPUs, Laptops, Monitors, TVs...	No Charge	REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE	REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE
ELECTRONIC WASTE – Printers, Scanners, Copiers, ...	\$10.00 per item	REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE	REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE
CIRCUIT BOARDS	\$2.00 each	REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE	REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE
RESIDUAL RECLAMATION WASTE DELIVERED TO INTERMODAL FACILITY	\$ 65.00 per ton	RESIDUAL RECLAMATION WASTE DELIVERED TO INTERMODAL FACILITY	\$ 65.00 per ton / \$ 1,495.00 minimum fee up to 23.0 tons per container
(no text)	(no text)	REDUCED FEE FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING	\$ 25.00 per ton

Please note that some of the updates are:

- The material type description
- Actual fee updates or establishing a minimum tonnage
- Removal of items from the fee schedule since they are no longer accepted at SWD facilities
- Additions since the fee was not published
- All other items remain the same

Requests: The requested action is for Council to consider the motion, after the public hearing for the proposed accompanying ordinance.