

**PROPOSICIÓN 218 AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA SOBRE AUMENTOS PROPUESTOS EN TARIFAS DE RESIDUO SÓLIDOS**

SE NOTIFICA que la ciudad de Porterville llevará acabo una audiencia pública el 21 de noviembre de 2023, a las 6:30 pm en la cámara del consejo municipal, ubicada en 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, para considerar la adopción de los aumentos a las tarifas de sus cargos por servicio de residuos sólidos. El propósito de la audiencia pública es para tomar los comentarios escritos y orales y considerar todas las reclamaciones por escrito en contra de los aumentos de tarifas propuestos. Las reclamaciones por escrito deben ser presentadas con el secretario municipal de la ciudad de Porterville.

**SUS DERECHOS:** Si usted es el propietario del registro de una propiedad sujeta a las tarifas propuestas o un inquilino directamente responsable por el pago de los cargos por servicio de residuos sólidos (es decir, un cliente de registro), puede presentar una protesta por escrito en contra de los cambios propuestos en las tarifas. Sólo una protesta escrita por parcela será contada. Protestas escritas pueden ser enviadas por correo al secretario municipal de la ciudad de Porterville, ubicado en 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, o en persona en la audiencia pública, siempre y cuando se hayan recibido antes de la conclusión del testimonio público en la audiencia pública. Por favor identifique en el frente del sobre "Solid Waste Rate Protest" por cualquier protesta, ya sea por correo o entregarse personalmente al secretario municipal. Las protestas presentadas verbalmente, o por correo electrónico, fax o cualquier otro medio electrónico no serán aceptadas. Para obtener más información acerca de este aviso, por favor llame a la ciudad al (559) 782-7514. De conformidad con la sección 53759 del Código de Gobierno de California, existe un plazo de prescripción de 120 días para impugnar cualquier tarifa o cargo nuevo, aumentado o ampliado a partir de la fecha de adopción.

**PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO SOLID WASTE RATES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Porterville will hold a Public Hearing on November 21, 2023, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting that starts at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, to consider the adoption of increases to the rates for its solid waste service fees. The purpose of the public hearing is to take written and oral comments and consider all written protests against the proposed rate increases. Written protests must be filed with the City of Porterville City Clerk.

**YOUR RIGHTS:** If you are the record owner of a property subject to the proposed rates or a tenant directly liable for the payment of solid waste service fees (i.e., a customer of record), you may submit a written protest against the proposed rate changes. Only one written protest per parcel will be counted. Written protests may be submitted by mail to the City Clerk, City of Porterville, 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, or in person at the public hearing, so long as they are received prior to the conclusion of public testimony at the public hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope “Solid Waste Rate Protest” for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk. Protests submitted verbally, or by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted.

Each protest must (1) be in writing; (2) state opposition to the proposed solid waste rate increase; (3) provide the location of the owner’s identified parcel (by assessor’s parcel number or street address); and (4) include the original signature of the property owner or customer of record submitting the protest. Only one written protest per parcel will be counted. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will consider adopting the proposed rate increases, which are outlined on the reverse side of this notice. If, at the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed solid waste rate increases are submitted by a majority of record owners of affected parcels and customers of record (50% plus one), the City Council will not approve the proposed solid waste rates. If, at the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed rate increases do not present a majority of record owners of affected parcels and customers of record, the City Council will be authorized to impose rate increases up to the amounts proposed. If adopted, new solid waste rates will be effective January 1, 2024. Pursuant to California Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge from the date of adoption.

**THE NEED FOR SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES:** The City of Porterville is committed to providing high quality, reliable solid waste service at the lowest possible rates for its citizens. The City’s residential rates, which are among the lowest if not the lowest in the region, have not been increased since 2006. Since that time costs have increased significantly due to both inflation and the need for the City to respond to new solid waste management regulations, including but not limited to AB 341 (mandatory commercial recycling), AB 1826 (mandatory commercial organics recycling) and SB 1383 (which establishes more comprehensive mandatory residential and commercial recycling and organics recovery). It is critically important for the City to continually maintain, repair, and improve the assets it holds and keep pace with ever increasing operating costs and regulations.

The City’s Field Services/Refuse Division is projecting a substantial revenue shortfall, resulting from the lack of a rate increases over the past 17 years. To address that shortfall a rate increase is required. In addition, the City needs to replace a significant number of its refuse vehicles, upgrade its recyclable materials and green waste transfer stations, and make improvements to both its administrative and maintenance facilities. Furthermore, the City needs to roll-out residential organic collection services to all residential accounts, commercial accounts and organics waste collection services, with a comprehensive review of all accounts. This will require additional vehicles and drivers, as well as administrative and analytical support staff to manage the City’s compliance with SB 1383, and support the operation of City solid waste services that are in line with industry standards for safety, customer service, operational compliance, and operational performance.

**PROPOSED POTENTIAL FUTURE ANNUAL FIXED RATE INCREASE:** City Council’s recommendation of a 50% initial rate increase effective January 1, 2024 followed by a 5% rate increases on July 1, 2024 and a 5% increase each of the following three (3) fiscal years will result in a five (5) year cumulative rate increase of 82%. After which time no further automatic adjustments would take place absent a new notice and hearing pursuant to Proposition 218.

**BILL IMPACT:** A typical single-family home subscribing to 95-gallon weekly solid waste, 95-gallon green waste, and 65-gallon recycling service will see its monthly bill increase from \$17.85 to \$26.78. Single-family, Multi-family and Commercial rates will vary depending on subscribed service. The proposed rates for each class and service are as follows:

		Proposed Rate Adjustment per Fiscal Year (FY)				
		FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28
Residential Rates	Current Rates	50%	5%	5%	5%	5%
95 Black/65 Blue	\$16.44	\$24.66	\$25.89	\$27.19	\$28.55	\$29.97
65 Black/65 Blue	\$15.91	\$23.87	\$25.06	\$26.31	\$27.63	\$29.01
35 Black/65 Blue	\$12.35	\$18.53	\$19.45	\$20.42	\$21.45	\$22.52
95 Black/65 Blue w/65 Green	\$17.62	\$26.43	\$27.75	\$29.14	\$30.60	\$32.13
65 Black/65 Blue w/65 Green	\$17.09	\$25.64	\$26.92	\$28.26	\$29.68	\$31.16
35 Black/65 Blue w/65 Green	\$13.53	\$20.30	\$21.31	\$22.38	\$23.49	\$24.67
95 Black/65 Blue w/95 Green	\$17.85	\$26.78	\$28.11	\$29.52	\$31.00	\$32.55
65 Black/65 Blue w/95 Green	\$17.32	\$25.98	\$27.28	\$28.64	\$30.08	\$31.58
35 Black/65 Blue w/95 Green	\$13.76	\$20.64	\$21.67	\$22.76	\$23.89	\$25.09
Additional Black	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.75	\$16.54	\$17.36	\$18.23
Additional Green	\$6.25	\$9.38	\$9.84	\$10.34	\$10.85	\$11.40
Additional Blue	\$6.25	\$9.38	\$9.84	\$10.34	\$10.85	\$11.40

		Proposed Rate Adjustment per Fiscal Year (FY)				
		FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28
Commercial Bin Service per Empty <sup>1</sup>	Current Rates	50%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>2 Yd Bin</b>						
Trash	\$49.60	\$74.40	\$78.12	\$82.03	\$86.13	\$90.43
Recycling	\$37.20	\$55.80	\$58.59	\$61.52	\$64.60	\$67.83
Organics	\$37.20	\$55.80	\$58.59	\$61.52	\$64.60	\$67.83
<b>3 Yard Bin</b>						
Trash	\$74.40	\$111.60	\$117.18	\$123.04	\$129.19	\$135.65
Recycling	\$55.80	\$83.70	\$87.89	\$92.28	\$96.89	\$101.74
Organics	\$55.80	\$83.70	\$87.89	\$92.28	\$96.89	\$101.74
<b>4 Yard Bin</b>						
Trash	\$99.20	\$148.80	\$156.24	\$164.05	\$172.25	\$180.87
Recycling	\$74.40	\$111.60	\$117.18	\$123.04	\$129.19	\$135.65
Organics	\$74.40	\$111.60	\$117.18	\$123.04	\$129.19	\$135.65
<b>6 Yard Bin</b>						
Trash	\$148.80	\$223.20	\$234.36	\$246.08	\$258.38	\$271.30
Recycling	\$111.60	\$167.40	\$175.77	\$184.56	\$193.79	\$203.48
Organics	\$111.60	\$167.40	\$175.77	\$184.56	\$193.79	\$203.48
<b>Commercial Can Rates <sup>2</sup></b>						
95 Black/65 Blue w/95 Green <sup>2</sup>	\$17.85	\$34.81	\$36.55	\$38.38	\$40.30	\$42.31
Additional Black <sup>2</sup>	\$10.00	\$19.50	\$20.48	\$21.50	\$22.57	\$23.70
Additional Green <sup>2</sup>	\$6.25	\$12.19	\$12.80	\$13.44	\$14.11	\$14.82
Additional Blue <sup>2</sup>	\$6.25	\$12.19	\$12.80	\$13.44	\$14.11	\$14.82

<sup>1</sup> Commercial Recycle and Organic Service is required unless an approved waiver is on file with the City

<sup>2</sup> Service approval provided at the discretion of the Public Works Director

		Proposed Rate Adjustment per Fiscal Year (FY)				
		FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28
Temp Bin Rentals	Current Rates	50%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>3 Yard Bin</b>						
Deposit	\$32.10	\$48.15	\$50.56	\$53.09	\$55.74	\$58.53
Empty Fee	\$32.10	\$48.15	\$50.56	\$53.09	\$55.74	\$58.53
Monthly Rental Fee - No Service	No Fee	\$24.08	\$25.28	\$26.55	\$27.88	\$29.27
<b>4 Yard Bin</b>						
Deposit	\$42.80	\$64.20	\$67.41	\$70.78	\$74.32	\$78.04
Empty Fee	\$42.80	\$64.20	\$67.41	\$70.78	\$74.32	\$78.04
Monthly Rental Fee - No Service	No Fee	\$32.10	\$33.71	\$35.39	\$37.16	\$39.02
<b>10/15 Yard Roll off</b>						
Deposit	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$315.00	\$330.75	\$347.29	\$364.65
Empty Fee Plus Tonnage Fee <sup>3</sup>	\$162.00	\$243.00	\$255.15	\$267.91	\$281.30	\$295.37
Monthly Rental Fee - No Service	No Fee	\$121.50	\$127.58	\$133.95	\$140.65	\$147.68
<b>30 Yard Roll off</b>						
Deposit	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$315.00	\$330.75	\$347.29	\$364.65
Empty Fee Plus Tonnage Fee <sup>3</sup>	\$162.00	\$243.00	\$255.15	\$267.91	\$281.30	\$295.37
Monthly Rental Fee - No Service	No Fee	\$121.50	\$127.58	\$133.95	\$140.65	\$147.68

<sup>3</sup> Landfill fees are set by County and subject to change. Current rates are: General trash \$28/ton, C&D \$39/ton  
Green waste \$29/ton

Miscellaneous Rates Customer Type	Description of Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
All	Special Pickup of Large/Bulky Items	\$55 per hour + Landfill Fee	\$88 per hour + Landfill Fee
All	Inaccessable Fee - Roll-off	\$162.00	\$175.00
All	Inaccessable Fee - Bin	\$15.00	\$70.00
Commercial	Stand-by Time - Roll-off	\$55 per hour	\$60 per hour
Commercial	Same day service Roll-off	\$45.00	\$88.00
Commercial/Multi-Family	Steam Clean Bins	\$55.00	\$93.00
Commercial/Multi-Family	Lock Installation/Repair	\$55.00	\$153.00
Commercial/Multi-Family	Same Day Service of Bin	\$17.00	\$86.00
Commercial/Multi-Family	Stand-by Time - Bin	\$55 per hour	\$86 per hour
Commercial/Multi-Family	Return Trip Fee - Bin	\$15.00	\$43.00
Commercial/Multi-Family	Green Waste/Organics Contamination Fee	No Fee	\$43.00
Commercial/Multi-Family	Recycling Contamination Fee	No Fee	\$43.00
Recycling Collection	Recycling Hauler Permit Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
Residential	Steam Clean Cans	\$20.00	\$63.00
Residential	Green Waste/Organics Contamination Fee	\$5 per occurrence	\$43.00
Residential	Recycling Contamination Fee	No Fee	\$43.00
Residential	Small vehicle service over 100' on Private Road	No Fee	\$52.00
Residential	Customer Assist <sup>4</sup>	No Fee	\$29.00
Residential	Customer Assist over 100'	No Fee	\$43.00
Residential	Special Pickup/Return Trip Fee	\$10.00	\$43.00
Residential	Can Replacement	\$11.00	\$79.00
Residential	Temp Bin/Roll-off Rental Period	3 Months	1 Month

<sup>4</sup> Service approval provided at the discretion of the Public Works Director

Assistance can be provided to those requiring accommodations for disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Accommodations must be requested at least 48 hours in advance by calling: The City Clerk's Office at (559) 782-7464. City staff can assist you with answering any questions about your water bill. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice or the rates applicable to your property, please contact Field Services at (559) 782-7514.