



**Item:** Set public hearing for Resolution 10039 Establishing Sanitation Service Rates effective October 8, 2013

**From:** Laura Lynch, Utilities Operations Supervisor

**Initiated By:** Public Works and Fiscal Services

**Presented By:** Melissa Kinzler, Director of Fiscal Services & Jim Rearden, Director of Public Works

**Action Requested:** Set Public Hearing

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission set a public hearing for October 1, 2013, on Resolution 10039 to establish sanitation service rates effective October 8, 2013.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Commission set a public hearing for October 1, 2013, on Resolution 10039 to establish sanitation service rates effective October 8, 2013.

**Background:** Each year, staff reviews and analyzes the financing needs of the sanitation fund to ensure the City has adequate funding necessary for day to day operations, capital improvements and emergencies. OCCGF 8.32.350 requires the Commission to adopt a resolution establishing rates to defray the costs of sanitation services for the fiscal year.

Staff proposes adjusting the sanitation rates to adequately provide service while covering the expenses largely due to the increase in fuel and equipment costs. It is recommended to increase residential and commercial service rates by 10%. The last residential rate increase was in August of 2010 and the last commercial rate increase was in May of 2007.

**Concurrences:** Representatives from Public Works and Fiscal Services work together throughout the rate review process.

**Fiscal Impact:** Comparisons of current versus proposed charges are attached. The increases are necessary to continue providing adequate pickup and disposal services as well as fund capital improvements.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could choose to not set the public hearing and thereby deny Resolution 10039. Doing so will result in reduced funds available to maintain equipment necessary to operate efficiently.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** A. Resolution 10039  
B. Current versus Proposed Rates  
C. Public Notice for Publication

CC: Ross Bartell, Public Works  
Jim Rearden, Public Works

## RESOLUTION 10039

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 8, CHAPTER 32, OCCGF, FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTED FROM CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2013.**

WHEREAS, The City Commission of the City of Great Falls, having met and conducted the hearing this day in regular session at the Civic Center, Great Falls, Montana, at 7:00 P.M., and having considered the cost of operation, equipment and facilities for the solid waste collection and disposal system do hereby establish the basic monthly collection rates charged City customers for, once per week, full service, as follows:

**RESIDENTIAL**

per month

**PROPOSED**

Regular 65 Gallon	\$ 9.17
Regular 96 Gallon	\$ 10.96
Additional 96 Gallon	\$ 6.22
Senior Citizen	\$ 7.63
Card Board Recycling	\$ 15.00
<b>Extra Pickup</b>	
96 Gallon	\$ 6.22

**COMMERCIAL**

96 Gallon	\$ 20.24
300 Gallon (Shared)	\$ 27.78
300 Gallon (sole use) or 1.5 yard	\$ 32.56
2 yard	\$ 38.94
3 yard	\$ 55.88
4 yard	\$ 74.36
6 yard loose	\$110.69
8 yard loose	\$147.00

flats as stated

**Extra Pickup**

3 Gallon extra pick-up	\$ 8.90
plus extra's - per minute	\$ 3.00

Charges for other commercial pickup frequencies per week shall be the rate times the number of pickups per week. Large accumulation of material placed for collection may be charged to the customer @ \$3.00 per minute if it takes longer than 2 minutes to load the material.

**Special Pickup**

Large appliances	\$ 8.00
Large appliances with Freon	\$ 28.00

**DROP BOX**

per pick-up

3 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	\$ 44.00
20 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	\$259.00
30 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	\$292.00
40 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	\$319.00
30 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)	\$193.00
40 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)	\$193.00

**Per Day Rental Fees**

permanent w/fixed pickup schedule	\$ 2.00
short term rental	\$ 4.00
after 5 days	\$ 2.00

Rates do not include the disposal fee as set forth in the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement between the City of Great Falls and Montana Waste Systems. Disposal costs will be assessed by actual weight and volumes in accordance with the agreement.

Passed by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 1st day of October, 2013.

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Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

**SANITATION RATES  
CURRENT VS PROPOSED RATES**

**RESIDENTIAL**

per month

	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>	
		<i>10% increase</i>	
Regular 65 Gallon	8.34	9.17	
Regular 96 Gallon	9.96	10.96	
Additional 96 Gallon	5.65	6.22	
Senior Citizen	6.94	7.63	
Card Board Recycling	15.00	15.00	<i>no change</i>
<b>Extra Pickup</b>			
96 Gallon	5.65	6.22	

**COMMERCIAL**

per month

96 Gallon	18.40	20.24	
300 Gallon (shared)	25.25	27.78	
300 Gallon (sole use) or 1.5 yard	29.60	32.56	
2 yard	35.40	38.94	
3 yard	50.80	55.88	
4 yard		74.36	
6 yard loose	100.63	110.69	
8 yard loose	133.63	147.00	

*Flats as stated*

**Extra Pickup**

3 Gallon extra pick-up	8.09	8.90	
plus extra's - per minute	2.00	3.00	<i>50% increase</i>
<i>Charges for other commercial pick-up frequencies per week shall be the rate times the number of pick-ups per week. Large accumulation of material placed for collection may be charged to the customer @ \$3.00 per minute if it takes longer than 2 minutes to load the material.</i>			

**Special Pickup**

Large appliances	6.00	8.00	<i>33% increase</i>
Large appliances-with freon	26.00	28.00	<i>8% increase</i>

**DROP BOX**

per pick-up

3 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	40.00	44.00	
20 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	235.00	259.00	
30 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	265.00	292.00	
40 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	290.00	319.00	
30 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)	175.00	193.00	
40 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)	175.00	193.00	

**Per Day Rental Fees**

permanent w/ fixed pickup schedule	2.00	2.00	<i>no change</i>
short term rental	4.00	4.00	<i>no change</i>
after 5 days	2.00	2.00	<i>no change</i>

*Rates do not include the disposal fee as set forth in the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement between the City of Great Falls and Montana Waste Systems. Disposal costs will be assessed by actual weight and volumes in accordance with the agreement.*

Attention Legal Ads

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Resolution 10039 – A Resolution to Establish Rates in Accordance with Title 8, Chapter 32 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF), for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste Collected from Customers of the City of Great Falls effective October 8, 2013 - will be brought before the Great Falls City Commission for public hearing in the Commission Chambers, Civic Center Building, 2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, Montana, on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Any interested person may appear and speak for or against said Resolution 10039 or submit in writing any comments to the City Clerk prior to or during the Commission Meeting.

/s/ Lisa Kunz  
City Clerk

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DO NOT PUBLISH BELOW THIS LINE:

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