



Item: Set public hearing for Resolution 10120 Establishing Sanitation Service Collection Rates effective October 27, 2015.

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 for October 20, 2015 to consider increasing residential and commercial sanitation service collection rates by 5%.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (set/not set) a public hearing for October 20, 2015, on Resolution 10120 to establish sanitation service collection rates effective October 27, 2015.”

2. Mayor Winters requests a second to the motion, Commission discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

Summary: In an effort to provide necessary collection and disposal services as well as fund capital improvements, the Public Works Department, Sanitation Division, is seeking a rate increase effective October 27, 2015.

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 maintenance and equipment costs. It is recommended to increase residential and commercial service rates by 5%. The last residential and commercial rate increase was in October of 2013.

Fiscal Impact: The increases are necessary to continue to provide required pickup and disposal services as well as fund capital improvements, specifically the replacement and maintenance of the fleet. Comparisons of current versus proposed charges are attached.

Alternatives: The City Commission could choose to not set the public hearing and thereby deny Resolution 10120. Doing so will result in reduced funds available to maintain the equipment necessary to operate the sanitation service efficiently.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Resolution 10120
2. Current versus Proposed Rates
3. Public Notice for Publication

RESOLUTION 10120

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
SANITATION SERVICE COLLECTION RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 27, 2015**

WHEREAS, an annual review is performed of the cost of service for the collection and disposal of solid waste from customers of the City of Great Falls, in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 32, of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 8, Chapter 32, of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls, the City of Great Falls is authorized to regulate the City's sanitation services and to establish all rates, fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, the rate and fee schedules prepared to generate sufficient revenue to pay all costs of the operation and maintenance of existing and proposed services and equipment for providing sanitation services to inhabitants of the City of Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Great Falls to provide an adequate sanitation program and to provide sufficient funding to meet the cost of operation and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, notice having been provided as required by law, the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at the Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Commission Chambers Room 206, Great Falls, Montana, at 7:00 p.m., and did consider the cost of operation, maintenance, equipment, facilities and capital improvements for the solid waste collection and disposal system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that:

Basic monthly Sanitation Service Collection Rates are hereby established as follows:

<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Regular 65 Gallon	\$ 9.63
Regular 96 Gallon	\$ 11.51
Additional 96 Gallon	\$ 6.53
Senior Citizen	\$ 8.01
Extra Pickup	
96 Gallon	\$ 6.53
300 Gallon extra pick-up	\$ 9.35
plus extra's - per minute	\$ 4.00

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 @ \$4.00 per minute if it takes longer than 2 minutes to load the material.

Special Pickup

Large appliances	\$ 9.00	
Large appliances with Freon	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00

COMMERCIAL

96 Gallon	\$ 21.25
300 Gallon (Shared)	\$ 29.17
300 Gallon (Sole Use) or 1.5 yard	\$ 34.19
2 yard	\$ 40.89
3 yard	\$ 58.67
4 yard	\$ 78.08
6 yard loose	\$ 116.22
8 yard loose	\$ 154.35
Card Board Recycling	\$ 15.00

flats as stated

DROP BOX (per pick-up)

3 yard construction dumpster	(plus rental fees)	\$ 46.00
20 yard construction dumpster	(plus rental fees)	\$ 272.00
30 yard construction dumpster	(plus rental fees)	\$ 306.00
40 yard construction dumpster	(plus rental fees)	\$ 335.00
30 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)		\$ 203.00
40 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)		\$ 203.00
Flat Rate Surcharge (over weight containers)		\$ 105.00

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 AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 20th day of October, 2015.

Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION 10120
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SANITATION COLLECTION RATES
CURRENT VS PROPOSED RATES**

<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	
per month		<i>5% increase</i>	
Regular 65 Gallon	9.17	9.63	
Regular 96 Gallon	10.96	11.51	
Additional 96 Gallon	6.22	6.53	
Senior Citizen	7.63	8.01	
Extra Pickup			
96 Gallon	6.22	6.53	
300 Gallon	8.90	9.35	
plus extra's - per minute	3.00	4.00	
<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 @ \$4.00 per minute if it takes longer than 2 minutes to load the material.</i>			
Special Pickup			
Large appliances	8.00	9.00	
Large appliances-with Freon	28.00	30.00	40.00
COMMERCIAL			
per month			
96 Gallon	20.24	21.25	
300 Gallon (shared)	27.78	29.17	
300 Gallon (sole use) or 1.5 yard	32.56	34.19	
2 yard	38.94	40.89	
3 yard	55.88	58.67	
4 yard	74.36	78.08	
6 yard loose	110.69	116.22	
8 yard loose	147.00	154.35	
Card Board Recycling	15.00	15.00	no change
		<i>Flats as stated</i>	
DROP BOX			
per pick-up			
3 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	44.00	46.00	
20 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	259.00	272.00	
30 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	292.00	306.00	
40 yard construction dumpster (plus rental fees)	319.00	335.00	
30 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)	193.00	203.00	
40 yard compacted (plus disposal charge)	193.00	203.00	
Flat Rate Surcharge (over weight containers)	100.00	105.00	
Per Day Rental Fees			
permanent w/ fixed pickup schedule	2.00	2.00	no change
short term rental	4.00	4.00	no change
after 5 days	2.00	2.00	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.</i>			

Attention Legal Ads

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Resolution 10120 – 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 27, 2015 - will be brought before the Great Falls City Commission for Public Hearing in the Commission Chambers Room 206, Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, Montana, on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Any interested person may appear and speak for or against said Resolution 10120 or submit in writing any comments to the City Clerk prior to or during the Commission Meeting.

/s/ Lisa Kunz
City Clerk

DO NOT PUBLISH BELOW THIS LINE:

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