



## NOTICE OF PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE ADJUSTMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 28, 2022

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, a public hearing will be held at the City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Chambers located at 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 to consider proposed adjustments to the City's residential solid waste rates. If approved by the City Council, the proposed rate adjustments will go into effect on April 1, 2022. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes (City) is subject to Proposition 218 and is required by law to charge its customers no more than the cost of providing solid waste and related services. Proposition 218 also contains specific notice and protest procedures for approving any increase in solid waste service rates. You are receiving this notice pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 218.

### WHY RATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

All cities in the State, including Rancho Palos Verdes, are subject to the most stringent solid waste legislation in California history. For City residents and businesses to remain in compliance with State Law, new services are necessary, none of which are funded by the State. Therefore, these services must be funded through the solid waste rates. This State unfunded mandate increases requirements for recyclables and organics in order to divert them from disposal in landfills.

- State Senate Bill 1383 – mandates that California reduce organic waste by 75%, and increase edible food recovery by 20% by January 2025. As a result, green waste and food waste will no longer be able to be disposed of in the landfill. SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to allow food waste to be collected in residential green waste carts or cans, which is then subjected to mandatory processing that significantly increases the cost of handling that material. SB 1383 also requires waste haulers to undertake new measures to reduce contamination, educate waste generators, procure recycled products with organics content, track and report on recycling participation, and assist local jurisdictions with enforcement of the State's new recycling requirements.

The foregoing unfunded mandate will increase the cost of collection and processing of the waste stream in Rancho Palos Verdes. As a result, the City must increase the collection rates charged by the City's franchised waste hauler as shown below.

### PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATES

The proposed initial maximum rates (Rates) for solid waste collection services will be considered by the City as part of a restated and amended agreement between the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and EDCO Disposal Corporation (EDCO) for Solid Waste Collection Services (Agreement). This Agreement will ensure that the City will be in compliance with the new State mandates.

The Rates include charges for automated curbside collection, backyard collection, and bin collection for single-family and multi-family customers. The Rates represent the maximum amount that EDCO may charge ratepayers as full, entire, and complete compensation due pursuant to the Agreement for all labor, equipment, materials and supplies, taxes, insurance, bonds, letters of credit, overhead, disposal, transfer, profit, and all other things necessary to perform all the services required by the Agreement.

Single family and multi-family dwellings with cart service are charged a monthly base rate (billed quarterly), which includes a refuse cart, a recycling cart, and an organics (green waste combined with food waste) recycling cart. Customers may choose to take additional carts for an additional charge. Multi-family dwellings with bin service are charged a monthly rate based on the number and size of bins, and the number of weekly pickups.

The Agreement includes a clearly defined method for adjusting the rates for inflation on an annual basis. The annual inflation adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U. S. city average, (seasonally adjusted) for the Garbage and Trash Collection detailed expenditure category (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Rates are proposed to be automatically adjusted each year on July 1 over a period not to exceed five (5) years based on the CPI for Garbage and Trash Collection, and pursuant to Section 53756 of the Government Code.

The City's solid waste rates were last adjusted effective July 1, 2020. If the proposed Rates are approved, they will go into effect on April 1, 2022, along with the new SB 1383-compliant services. These rates will not be adjusted again until July 2023, when they are scheduled for the annual inflation adjustment.

The table below compares the current rates for typical residential cart and bin services with those proposed for April 1, 2022.

### PROPOSED MONTHLY SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES

|                 | Single-family Cart Rate* |           |           | Multi-family<br>Monthly<br>Bin** |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|
|                 | 35-gallon                | 64-gallon | 96-gallon |                                  |
| Current Rate    | \$22.54                  | \$29.01   | \$35.45   | \$140.03                         |
| Proposed Rate   | \$26.06                  | \$33.54   | \$40.99   | \$144.23                         |
| Increase Amount | \$3.52                   | \$4.53    | \$5.54    | \$4.20                           |
| Percent Change  | 15.6%                    | 15.6%     | 15.6%     | 3.0%                             |

\*State compliant 3-cart service including refuse, recycling, and organics carts. Monthly rate based on size of refuse cart.

\*\*Monthly rate for a single 3 cubic yard refuse bin serviced once per week. Organics carts and bins are offered at an additional charge. Recycling bins are offered at no additional charge.

Monthly rates for customers with unlimited manual backyard service (e.g., Portuguese Bend area) will increase from \$70.40 to \$75.49, an increase of 7.2%.

The entire proposed rate schedule can be viewed on the City's website at <https://www.rpvca.gov/310/Solid-Waste-Programs>. For more information regarding the State unfunded mandates please visit CalRecycle's website at: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>

## PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

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Property owners, as defined under Proposition 218, may protest the proposed rate adjustment in writing prior to or during the public hearing. Consistent with the provisions of Proposition 218 and Government Code Section 53755, this notice has been mailed to all record owners of the affected properties at the addresses as they appear on the latest equalized assessment roll. If you are a property owner as defined under Proposition 218 and object to the proposed rates as described in this Notice, you may file a written protest with the City at or before the time set for the public hearing. Original written protests can be mailed or personally delivered to the City Clerk, but must be *received* by no later than the close of the public hearing on March 15, 2022. Written protests should be mailed to:

City Clerk  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

A valid written protest must include:

1. The name of the record owner or owners of the property; and,
2. Identification of the property by either assessor's parcel number or street address; and,
3. A statement of protest ("I/we protest" will suffice); and,
4. The original signature of the protesting owner or owners (photocopies, electronic mail, electronic copies, e-comments, or faxes will not be accepted).

Each property owner will be counted as a single vote, regardless of the number of owners. Multiple protests returned for a single property will be disallowed. The City Clerk will only count one protest per property, even if the parcel has multiple owners.

The City Clerk will determine the validity of all protests submitted and exclude any invalid protests from the final tabulation. The City Clerk may confer with the City Attorney in determining the validity of written protests. As part of this process, the City Attorney may review contested or suspect protest forms. The City Clerk's decision shall be final and binding.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, or the proposed rate adjustments, or you would like more information, please email Lauren Ramezani at: [Laurenr@rpvca.gov](mailto:Laurenr@rpvca.gov)



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