



23 Russell Boulevard, Davis CA 95616

**Attend the Public Hearing  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.**  
City of Davis Community Chambers  
23 Russell Boulevard  
The meeting agenda will be available no  
later than January 31 at [CityofDavis.org](http://CityofDavis.org)

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEES

### CITY OF DAVIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED INCREASES TO SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES

The City of Davis will hold a Public Hearing on February 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the City of Davis Community Chambers, 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA, to consider adopting increases to the City’s solid waste service charges.

#### REASON FOR THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATE INCREASES & BASIS UPON WHICH THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES WERE CALCULATED

The City of Davis (the “City”) has an exclusive franchise agreement with Recology Davis (“Recology”) for the collection and handling of solid waste, including garbage, yard materials, recycling, organics, and street sweeping within the City (collectively, “solid waste services”). All properties within the City are required to subscribe to the weekly solid waste services provided by Recology. Pursuant to the franchise agreement, the City collects solid waste service fees from customers who receive solid waste services from Recology and those who do not put their waste out for collection by Recology. The City uses the revenues from the fees to pay Recology for the solid waste services provided under the franchise agreement, and to recover its operational and administrative costs of providing these services, including billing and collection of the service fees. The City continues to look at cost reduction measures to mitigate impacts to rate customers.

The City is proposing to increase solid waste services due to increased costs of providing such services. Outside of routine increases, the City’s solid waste service charges have remained the same since 2013 despite the addition of organics collection services and several escalations in the price of landfill disposal and organics processing.

Due to these factors, revenue from solid waste service charges is not sufficient to meet projected expenses, and the proposed increases to service charges have been established to cover expenses. The proposed service charges will provide revenue to cover the costs of providing solid waste services, including the following:

- 1) Projected increases in the costs of operations provided by Recology for solid waste collection, disposal, and processing services;
- 2) Current budget deficits in the City’s Solid Waste Fund;
- 3) Loan and capital debt service payments owed to the City’s Wastewater Division;
- 4) Environmental mitigation costs for road repair due to wear-and-tear associated with solid waste collection services;
- 5) Establishing minimal emergency reserves in the City’s Solid Waste Fund; and
- 6) Administrative and regulatory costs of providing these services, including billing and collection of the service fees.

The proposed maximum solid waste service charges would go into effect on March 1, 2019 (13.5%), and January 1 of 2020 (10%), January 1 of 2021 (8%), January 1 of 2022 (5%), and January 1 of 2023 (5%), with all solid waste service charges being increased by the same percentage. This would be an average increase of \$4.78 in March 2019, \$4.02 in January 2020, \$3.54 in January 2021, \$2.39 in January 2022, and \$2.51 in January 2023.

### PROPOSED SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES

The City provides solid waste collection, disposal, and materials processing services to all residents and businesses within the City.

Revenues from solid waste service charges pay for the operations and maintenance of materials collection vehicles, disposal sites, and processing facilities, as well as the administrative and regulatory costs that enable the City to manage its solid waste. In addition, solid waste service charges support infrastructure investments, such as necessary system improvements to meet new regulations, capital improvements, debt payments, and prudent reserves for the solid waste system. The solid waste service charges to customers are divided into two categories: Single-Family Residential, and Commercial/Multi-Family Residential, with further classification within each category based on cart/bin volumes and pickup frequency. These categories are intended to group service recipients based on common cost characteristics and logistics management, accounting for collection routing efficiency, container type, and frequency of service. Commercial and multi-family residential customers will receive a separate notice.

The table below shows the maximum monthly solid waste service charges to be considered for single-family residential customers for each year by cart size. The base monthly solid waste service charges include the following solid waste services, with monthly service charges based on garbage container size:

- 1) Weekly pick-up of garbage.
- 2) Weekly pick-up of dual stream recycling using a cart to recycle glass, metal cans, aluminum, non-food soiled paper and cardboard, and plastics.
- 3) Weekly pick-up of organics using the brown-lidded organics cart for items such as meat, cheese, fruits and vegetables, food soiled paper products (such as pizza boxes, paper drink cups, paper plates, and paper napkins), and yard materials (such as grass clippings, leaves, and yard trimmings).

- 4) Loose-in-the-street collection of yard materials and street sweeping.
- 5) Bulky Items Drop-Off event in the spring.
- 6) Residential hazardous waste disposal programs.
- 7) Various other waste reduction and recycling outreach and programs.

**Single-Family Monthly Service Charges by Year (Based on Garbage Container Size)**

Container Size	Current	Proposed 3/1/2019		Proposed 1/1/2020		Proposed 1/1/2021		Proposed 1/1/2022		Proposed 1/1/2023	
		Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate
35-Gallon	\$31.00	+\$4.19	\$35.19	+\$3.52	\$38.70	+\$3.10	\$41.80	+\$2.09	\$43.89	+\$2.19	\$46.08
65-Gallon	\$34.32	+\$4.63	\$38.95	+\$3.90	\$42.85	+\$3.43	\$46.28	+\$2.31	\$48.59	+\$2.43	\$51.02
95-Gallon	\$40.94	+\$5.53	\$46.47	+\$4.65	\$51.11	+\$4.09	\$55.20	+\$2.76	\$57.96	+\$2.90	\$60.86

Single-family residents receive an organics cart (for the collection of yard materials, food scraps and food-soiled paper) that is picked-up once per week as part of regular garbage service. Recology brings the organics to a local facility for composting. Residents can request additional organics carts for a fee - see the chart below.

**Monthly Organics Cart Service Charge by Year**

Level of Service	Current	Proposed 2-1-2019	Proposed 1-1-2020	Proposed 1-1-2021	Proposed 1-1-2022	Proposed 1-1-2023
1 Cart	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Additional Cart	\$5.27	\$5.98	\$6.58	\$7.11	\$7.46	\$7.83

In some instances, a customer may choose not to put his or her trash out for collection by Recology. In such an instance, the City continues to incur costs to ensure that solid waste services are ready and available to such customers. The City imposes a fixed monthly solid waste service fee on these customers in order to recover its ongoing fixed costs of ensuring that the services are ready and available in the event that the customer elects to have his or her waste collected. The customer is also paying for street sweeping, recycling, and organics service. The proposed rate for the fixed monthly solid waste service fee for such customers is currently \$21.59 and is proposed to increase each year as show in the table below.

**Monthly "No Trash Service" Fee Service Charge by Year**

Current	Proposed 3/1/2019		Proposed 1/1/2020		Proposed 1/1/2021		Proposed 1/1/2022		Proposed 1/1/2023	
	Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate	Increase	Rate
\$21.59	+\$2.91	\$24.50	+\$2.46	\$26.96	+\$2.15	\$29.11	+\$1.46	\$30.57	+\$1.53	\$32.10

**PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTESTS**

The City of Davis will hold a Public Hearing on February 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the City of Davis Community Chambers, 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA, to consider adopting the proposed solid waste service charges, resulting from changes to the cost for its solid waste services.

Any property owner whose property will be subject to the imposition of the proposed solid waste service fees and any tenant directly responsible for the payment of such fees (i.e., a customer of record) may submit a written protest to the proposed changes; provided, however, that only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk at 23 Russell Blvd. Suite 1, Davis, CA, California, 95616-3896 or at the Public Hearing (date and time noted above), provided they are received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk, Attn: Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rates.

**Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted.**

Any written protest must: (1) state that the identified property owner is in opposition to the proposed solid waste service charges; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number, street address, or customer account); (3) provide written evidence (example: current copy of City Services Bill) that the person is the property owner, if the person was not shown on Yolo County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner; and (4) include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest.

The City Council meeting agenda and staff report for the Public Hearing should be available by 6:30 p.m. on January 31 at <https://cityofdavis.org/city-hall/city-council/city-council-meetings/agendas>. At the Public Hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all written and oral protests to the proposed solid waste service charges. **Oral comments at the Public Hearing, however, will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest.**

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider approval of the resolution authorizing the proposed solid waste service fees as described herein.

If written protests against the proposed rate increases are not presented by a majority of the property owners of the identified parcels upon which the rates are proposed to be imposed and tenants directly responsible for the payment of the solid waste service fees, the City Council will be authorized to impose the rate increases as outlined above. **If adopted, the proposed solid waste service charges will take effect beginning March 1, 2019.**

If you have questions regarding this notice or how it may impact your property, contact the Public Works Department (530) 757-5686 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., email [PWWeb@CityofDavis.org](mailto:PWWeb@CityofDavis.org), or visit [CityofDavis.org](http://CityofDavis.org) for answers to frequently asked questions.