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August 16, 2021

Danny Harrison
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Subject: Rate Adjustment for Solid Waste Rates and Franchise Agreement Term

Dear Mr. Harrison:

The City of Camarillo has reviewed your request for a rate adjustment to the residential and commercial solid waste rates. The decrease in rates is based on prior year expired adjustments combined with no requested Consumer Price Index increase for the current year.

Accordingly, effective September 1, 2021, the residential solid waste rates will decrease 0.74% and the commercial solid waste rates will decrease 0.75% (rather than .75% decrease for residential and .74% decrease for commercial as stated in the previous letter dated August 12, 2021). The Solid Waste Franchise Agreement requires E.J. Harrison & Sons to provide a minimum of fifteen (15) days written notice of the new rates to all customers. Enclosed for your reference is a complete set of the residential and commercial solid waste rates. The City of Camarillo appreciates the successful effort your company has made to meet the agreement requirements.

Additionally, various activities and regulations are impacting the City's solid waste and recycling rates. You may recall from our recent communications and local media headlines, the City of Thousand Oaks, through a competitive process, recently awarded an exclusive solid waste franchise agreement to Athens Services. The decision by the City of Thousand Oaks City Council reverberated throughout the region, and it caused concern in our community around the City's trash rates and agreement with E.J. Harrison & Sons. As a matter of due diligence to our rate payers and to validate the City's trash rates, I am requesting E.J. Harrison & Sons conduct a comprehensive rate justification and provide calculations to the City by October 31, 2021 at no cost to the City or ratepayers. Your findings should be addressed directly to me, Greg Ramirez, City Manager.

Under the Franchise Agreement, Section 12.6 Competitive Rate Guarantee, the City of Camarillo's Customer Rates and Maximum Rates should be analyzed to ensure that the City's rates will not be greater than the average of the applicable Comparable Rates for

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similar service, for the five cities named in the Agreement once the City of Thousand Oaks rate is implemented. The evaluation of the competitive rate guarantee needs to be included in the rate justification review.

Also, over the past several years, CalRecycle has been developing sweeping unfunded mandates that require local agencies to implement costly residential and commercial recycling and organic waste collection programs, to further divert recyclables and organic material from landfills. While I understand that these unfunded costly mandates are well-intentioned and that E.J. Harrison & Sons has invested to build the necessary infrastructure, the City's operating costs to comply with CalRecycle's regulations too have increased.

For these reasons the City is interested in discussing with you the results of your comprehensive rate justification on the City's trash rates; how the Competitive Rate Guarantee clause in the Agreement will impact Camarillo rates; and, in terms of CalRecycles requirements, the City is looking for E.J. Harrison to allocate a certain percentage of its revenue to the City to comply with recycling regulations, which we understand will require a modification to the Franchise Agreement. Furthermore, in accordance with SB 1383 and the City's new ordinance, E.J. Harrison will be required to develop outreach and education material for the City's website and for the community and develop or procure a database tracking system to document and monitor customers' service levels.

We look forward to collaborating with you. If you have any questions, please contact Senior Management Analyst Roger Pichardo in the City Manager's Office at (805) 388-5392 or by e-mail at rpichardo@cityofcamarillo.org.

Sincerely,



Greg Ramirez
City Manager

Attachment

c: Carmen Nichols, Assistant City Manager
Mark Uribe, Finance Director
Roger Pichardo, Sr. Management Analyst
Phil Campos, Controller, E.J. Harrison & Sons
Kimberly C. Nilsson, Solid Waste Solutions, Inc.

**Residential Services
Single-Family Dwellings**

Effective: September 1, 2021

Schedule I – Monthly Rates for Weekly Residential Service

Service Level	Cart Configuration	Monthly Rate
Minimum Service	1 32-gallon Solid Waste 1 96-gallon Recycle (unlimited service)	\$29.38
Standard Service	1 96-gallon Solid Waste 1 96-gallon Recycle (unlimited service) 1 96-gallon Green Waste	\$33.77
Hi Volume-Option 1	1 96-gallon Solid Waste 1 96-gallon Recycle (unlimited service) 2 96-gallon Green Waste	\$42.38
Hi Volume-Option 2	1 96-gallon and 1 64-gallon Solid Waste 1 96-gallon Recycle (unlimited service) 1 96-gallon Green Waste	\$42.38

As a convenience, Customers may opt for smaller Cart sizes at the standard and hi-volume service levels; however, monthly charges will remain as shown in Schedule I.

Schedule II – Monthly Rates for Permanent Extra Carts

Permanent extra Carts are Solid Waste and Green Waste Carts in addition to those noted in Schedule I. Permanent additional service is not to be used for short-term (less than one year) periods. Monthly service rates for permanent extra Carts are as follows:

Solid Waste/Green Waste Cart Size	Monthly Charge
32-gallon	\$6.86
64-gallon	\$10.22
96-gallon	\$13.65

Schedule III - Other Service Charges

Service	Charge	Notes
3 cu. yd Bin Rental Rent per day after 7 days	\$97.98 \$2.36	Per Dump
Walk-in, Drive in, Pull-out (per month)	\$18.70/month \$11.01	For first container up to 50 ft. Each additional container.
Trailer Bins	\$20.91/month	
Drive-in with bin truck	\$11.01/month	Per pickup per bin.
Locks Set-up charge Monthly fee	\$16.22 \$7.57/month	
Overweight/Compacted Bin	Up to 150%	Surcharge. Based on amount of extra weight.
Contaminated Recycling or Green Waste Cart	\$10.00	If cart taken by recycle or green waste truck.
Very Contaminated Recycling or Green Waste Cart	\$30.00	If cart needs to be emptied by trash truck.
Cart Removal Fee (Delinquent Accounts)	\$35.00	\$28 paid to Harrison. \$7 to City. Billed by City.
Refrigerators Freon Removal	\$25.00 \$10.00	Disposal charge.
Stuffed Chairs, Washers, Dryers, Heaters, Water Heaters, Mattresses, Sofas, etc.	\$25.00	Charge applicable only if free bulky item limit has been exhausted.
TVs, Computer Monitors, Electronic Waste, etc.	\$25.00	Charge applicable only if free bulky item limit has been exhausted.
Car Tires	\$7.00	Disposal charge.
Tires (36" to 60")	\$10.00	Disposal charge.
Tires (over 60")	\$200.00	Disposal charge.
Items not listed	Rate set by hauler	
Free Bulky Items – 2 per calendar year		Special disposal fee may apply.
Extra Service Tag	\$5.00	Purchased from the City.
Change of Service more than 1 time per 12-months	\$25.00	Billed by City.
Cart Replacement (other than arson or theft)	\$45.00	Billed by Harrison.
Harrison Bad Check Fee	\$20.00	For services billed by Harrison.
Deposit	2x the monthly rate	Billed by City.
Bad Debt Collection Fee	\$25.00	Added to account by City if sent to collection for non-payment.

**MONTHLY SOLID WASTE RATES FOR COMMERCIAL PREMISES
NOT BILLED BY THE CITY**

Effective: September 1, 2021

Effective September 1, 2021, monthly service rates for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Service at Commercial Premises not billed by the City are as follows:

Schedule I-Monthly Rates for “Unicycle” (Single Container) Program

Volume	Number of Pickups Per Week					
Unicycle Bin	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
1½ cu. yd.	\$138.83	\$235.58	\$332.35	\$429.11	\$525.88	\$621.97
3 cu. yd.	\$200.05	\$309.81	\$419.60	\$529.36	\$639.13	\$748.94

The City-approved Recycling program is the primary means of Recycling. Generators must achieve 80 percent (80%) of Recycling potential and cleanliness requirements as determined by the City. Generators not meeting Recycling potential or cleanliness requirements will be charged the rates shown on *Schedule II* below. Generators charged *Schedule II* rates for non-compliance are eligible for Unicycle rates (*Schedule I*) after three months of successful participation in the City-approved Recycling program.

Schedule II – Solid Waste Only and “White Bin” (Multiple Container) Program

Volume	Number of Pickups Per Week					
Solid Waste Bin	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
64-gallon Cart service – includes Recycling	\$48.73	\$94.40	\$140.08	N/A	N/A	N/A
Each 1½ cu. yd.	\$151.75	\$257.54	\$363.33	\$469.11	\$574.90	\$680.66
Each 3 cu. yd.	\$218.71	\$338.69	\$458.66	\$578.65	\$698.66	\$818.64

Generators must generate a minimum of nine cubic yards of Solid Waste weekly to qualify for free Recycling Container(s) and *Schedule II* rates.

The rates established in *Schedule II* above include free Recycling Container(s) and service. Recycling Container(s) may not contain more than 10 percent contaminants (non-Recyclable Materials) as determined by the City. Generators unable to meet cleanliness requirement will be charged for Recycling Containers at the rate charged for Solid Waste Container(s). Generators charged for collection of Recycling Containers because of non-compliance with the cleanliness requirement are eligible for free Recycling when the cleanliness requirement is achieved for three consecutive months. Any Generator that (because of excessive weight) has a landfill charge that exceeds 40 percent of the monthly charge will be charged for the additional weight plus a 25 percent handling fee.

Schedule III - Green Waste (Landscape Waste) Program

Volume	Number of Pickups Per Week					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Green Waste Bin						
Each Cart	\$36.69	\$70.22	\$102.40	N/A	N/A	N/A
Each 1½ cu. yd. Bin	\$92.96	\$185.95	\$278.90	\$371.87	\$464.84	\$557.80
Each 3 cu. yd. Bin	\$105.46	\$210.91	\$316.38	\$421.83	\$527.28	\$669.37

Schedule IV - Regularly Scheduled Roll-Off Service Charges

Service	Charge	Notes
Deposit one time	\$300.00	
Delivery	\$45.41	Does not apply to regularly scheduled customers.
Dump Fees	\$140.42 + tonnage	
Rent per day after 3 days	\$3.00	Waived for regularly scheduled customers.
Compactor Box Dump Fee	\$184.50 + tonnage	
Tonnage Other	Gate fee	
Dry Run/Move Box	\$45.41	
Overweight per each ton over 10 tons	\$25.00	In addition to tipping fee.

Schedule V - Other Service Charges

Service	Charge	Notes
3 cu. yd. Bin Rental	\$97.98	Per Dump
Rent per day after 7 days	\$2.36	
Walk-in, Drive-in, Pull-out	\$18.70/month \$11.01	For first container up to 50 ft. Each additional container.
Trailer Bins	\$20.91	
Drive-in with Bin Truck	\$11.01	Per pickup per bin.
Car Tires	\$7.00	
Tires 36" to 60"	\$10.00	
Tires over 60"	\$200.00	
Pad Locks		
Set-up Charge	\$15.00	
Monthly Fee	\$7.00	
Overweight/Compacted Bin	Up to 150%	Surcharge. Based on amount of extra weight.
Contaminated Recycling or Green Waste Bin	\$10.00	If bin taken by recycle or green waste truck.
Very contaminated Recycling or Green Waste Bin	\$30.00	If bin needs to be emptied by trash truck.

Schedule V – Other Service Charges (Continued)

Extra Dump – Volume of Bin	Charge	Notes
Solid Waste 1 ½ cu. yd.	\$42.78	Per Dump
Green Waste 1 ½ cu. yd.	\$37.43	Per Dump
Recycling 1 ½ cu. yd.	\$32.09	Per Dump
Solid Waste 3 cu. yd.	\$48.13	Per Dump
Green Waste 3 cu. yd.	\$42.78	Per Dump
Recycling 3 cu. yd.	\$37.43	Per Dump

Schedule VI – Food Waste (Organics) Diversion Collection Program

Volume	Number of Pickups Per Week					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Food Waste Bin						
Each 32/64-gallon Cart service – includes Recycling	\$48.73	\$94.40	\$140.08	N/A	N/A	N/A
Each 1½ cu. yd.	\$151.75	\$257.54	\$363.33	\$469.11	\$574.90	\$680.66
Each 3 cu. yd.	\$218.71	\$338.69	\$458.67	\$578.65	\$698.66	\$818.65

MONTHLY SOLID WASTE RATES FOR RESIDENTIALLY ZONED LOTS

NOT BILLED BY THE CITY (MULTIPLE FAMILY UNITS)

Effective: September 1, 2021

Monthly service rates for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Service at Residential Multiple Family Dwellings, Condominium Units, and Mobile Home Parks that have Commercial Bin-type Solid Waste Service are as follows:

Schedule I - Monthly Rates for Multiple Family Dwellings

Volume	Number of Pickups Per Week					
Solid Waste Bin	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Each 1½ cu. yd. bin	\$142.19	\$241.32	\$331.05	\$427.43	\$523.82	\$637.79
Each 3 cu. yd. bin	\$204.93	\$317.35	\$429.79	\$542.21	\$654.65	\$767.08

The rates established in *Schedule I* include free Recycling Container(s) at every site on the lot where Solid Waste Container(s) are located.

Any customer that (because of excessive weight) has a landfill charge that exceeds 40 percent (40%) of the monthly charge will be charged for the additional weight plus a 25 percent (25%) handling fee.

Schedule II - Green Waste (Landscape Waste) Program

Volume	Number of Pickups per Week					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Green Waste Bin						
Each Cart	\$35.79	\$68.73	\$100.23	N/A	N/A	N/A
Each 1½ cu. yd.	\$93.56	\$187.15	\$280.70	\$374.28	\$467.86	\$561.41
Each 3 cu. yd. Bin	\$106.13	\$212.27	\$318.42	\$424.56	\$530.68	\$636.82

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Locks		
Set-up charge	\$15.00	
Monthly fee	\$7.00	
Overweight/Compacted Bin	Up to 150%	Surcharge. Based on amount of extra weight.
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