

RESOLUTION NO. 24-8933

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR COLLECTION AND RELATED SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR FRANCHISE SERVICE AREA NO. 2 (OPERATED BY INTERMOUNTAIN DISPOSAL)

WHEREAS, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, on December 19, 2023, did adopt Plumas County Resolution No. 23-8884, thus revising the fee schedules for collection, transfer, and related solid waste services for the Franchise Contractor for Franchise Service Area No. 2, pursuant to Plumas County Code Section 6-10.208, and

WHEREAS, InterMountain Disposal (IMD) is the solid waste franchise contractor for Franchise Service Area No. 2, and has requested an increase in the fees for residential and commercial customers under contract for curbside pickup and disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2024, the Franchise Contractor for Service area No. 2, mailed notices of a public hearing to 2,007 () customers and property owners paying fees for residential and commercial customers under contract for curbside pickup and disposal of solid waste that detailed proposed rate adjustments in accordance with Proposition 218; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2024, a public hearing was held by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors to consider the proposed adjustments to solid waste fees and services; and

WHEREAS, 0 () written protests against the proposed adjustments to solid waste fees and services were received prior to the conclusion of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is the conclusion of the Board of Supervisors, based on evidence presented at the public hearing, that the Franchise Contractor for Franchise Service Area No. 2 is entitled to rate increases to the fee schedule that is presently in place pursuant to Plumas County Resolution No. 23-8884.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas that, pursuant to Plumas County Code Section 6-10.208, this Board revises the existing fee schedule, set by Resolution No. 23-8884, for collection, transfer and related solid waste services in Franchise Service Area No. 2, effective July 1, 2024, as follows:

- (a) **General.** For purposes of this section "franchisee" shall refer to a solid waste collector as defined in Chapter 10 of Title 6 of the Plumas County Code of Ordinances. The fees below apply to only Franchise Service Area No. 2, as defined in the County Solid Waste Management Plan.

- (b) **Collection fees.** The base rate for collection, as described below and shown on attached

Exhibit "A", shall be the franchisee's sole compensation for door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling, and ultimate disposal activities.

- (1) **Residential base rate.** The monthly charge for a thirty-five (35) gallon waste-wheeler shall be \$30.89 for one collection per week. The monthly charge for a sixty-four (64) gallon waste-wheeler shall be \$39.39 for one collection per week. The monthly charge for a ninety-six (96) gallon waste-wheeler is \$46.60 for one collection per week.
 - (2) **Residential large items.** Each washer, dryer, standard size refrigerator, single bed mattress, and similar size object shall be charged a maximum of \$25.14 each per collection. Each deep freezer, double bed mattress, and similar size object shall be charged a maximum of \$50.11 each per collection. Each tire shall be charged per collection: \$5.20 [sixteen (16") inches or less]; \$10.66 [more than sixteen (16") inches but less than twenty (20") inches]; \$25.14 [more than twenty (20") inches].
 - (3) **Residential billing.** Each new residential collection account shall be charged \$10.66 start-up fee to cover the administrative costs of arranging for new and/or seasonal service. The residential base rate may be billed to the customer three (3) months in advance of the service to be performed, provided that no account shall be considered delinquent by the franchisee if payment for a month's service is received by the fifteenth day of that month.
 - (4) **Commercial base rate.** A one cubic yard bin shall be charged a monthly fee of \$111.92 for one collection per week; a monthly fee of \$223.83 for two (2) collections per week; a monthly fee of \$335.74 for three (3) collections per week; a monthly fee of \$447.65 for four (4) collections per week; and a monthly fee of \$559.57 for five (5) collections per week. Each additional cubic yard per collection shall be charged \$30.06, including any fraction of a cubic yard such as when waste is heaped above the top of a bin. The monthly charge for a thirty-five (35) gallon waste-wheeler is \$38.50. The monthly charge for a sixty-four (64) gallon waste-wheeler is \$46.60. The monthly charge for a ninety-six (96) gallon waste-wheeler is \$52.19. Monthly charges for waste-wheelers are double the above if collection is twice per week.
 - (5) **Commercial large items.** The same rates as for residential large items, in subsection (b) (2), above, shall apply.
 - (6) **Commercial billing.** The commercial base rate may be billed to the customer one month in advance of service or guaranteed by an equivalent sum in the form of a security deposit or letter of credit.
- (c) **Special travel charge for collection.** In addition to the residential and commercial base rates, special travel shall be charged to the customer by the franchisee in the following manner. If the service requested does not fall on a regular service day for that service area, or that service area has no regular service day, the reasonable time and mileage costs of the franchisee shall be charged to all customers served during the special travel. Time and

mileage costs shall be based on the distance from the last regular customer in the area, or if none, from the franchisee's yard. The costs, not to exceed \$116.75 per hour, shall be divided among the customers served during the special travel in proportion to the volume of waste collected from each customer. "Regular service" is defined as year-around service on at least a weekly basis.

- (d) **Bin delivery charge.** In addition to the residential and commercial base rates, bin delivery shall be charged to the customer in the following manner. For each bin a delivery fee of \$71.83 shall be charged to cover the round-trip cost of delivery and eventual removal of the bin by the franchisee. This charge may be made payable in advance of delivery. This charge may be increased by any special travel charge applicable to the customer's request for delivery.
- (e) **Fee for extra services.** Services for which no fee is specified in this resolution shall be considered extra services by the franchisee, and the charges for such services shall be negotiated by the franchisee and customer.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 9 day of July 2024, by the following vote:

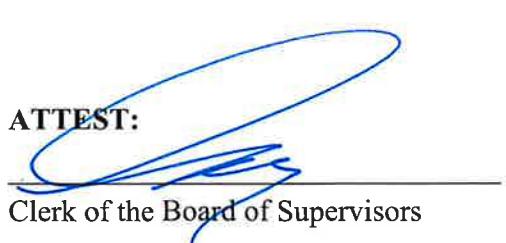
AYES: Supervisors: Ceresola, McGowan, Goss, Engel, Hagwood

NOES: Supervisors:

ABSTAIN: Supervisors:


Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:


Joshua Brechtel, Attorney
County Counsel's Office

EXHIBIT A

**InterMountain Disposal: Fee Schedule for Collection, Transfer and
Related Waste Services - Collection Routes**

Description of Service

Residential Base Rate (per month)

35 Gallon Waste Wheeler
64 Gallon Waste Wheeler
96 Gallon Waste Wheeler

Residential Large Items

Washer, dryer, standard fridge, single mattress
Deep freezer, double mattress
Tire 16" or less
Tire 16.1" to 20"
Tire 20" or more

Residential Account Start-Up Fee

Commercial Base Rate

One CY Bin (once per week)
One CY Bin (twice per week)
One CY Bin (three times per week)
One CY Bin (four times per week)
One CY Bin (five times per week)
Each additional CY per collection
35 Gallon Waste Wheeler
64 Gallon Waste Wheeler
96 gallon waste wheeler

Special travel charge (not to exceed) per hour

Bin delivery charge



PUBLIC NOTICE

OF A PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED FEE INCREASE FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE SUPERVISORS BOARD ROOM IN THE PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 10:00 A.M., July 2, 2024

A resolution is being proposed to amend the rates for solid waste collection and disposal within the unincorporated portion of Plumas County served by **InterMountain Disposal (Solid Waste Franchise Area No. 2)**. The calculated rate increase (**14.13%**) is comprised of two constituent increases, a **6.00%** increase which is determined per the terms of the Franchise Contract and a one-time correction of **8.13%**.

In order to correct a mistake that was discovered in the 2022 rate evaluation process, IMD's curbside rates were lowered by 3.89% on December 19, 2023. This decrease was calculated such that, by July 1st, 2024, the rate payers will have been reimbursed for the period in which they were overcharged. Because the rate payers were refunded via artificially lowering their rates over a period, the 2024 rate review then needed to raise the rates up to where they would be, absent the erroneous rate increase in 2022 and subsequent lowering of rates in December of 2023. This figure was determined to be 8.13%.

If adopted, the resolution will amend the existing solid waste fee schedule to increase the solid waste collection and disposal fees for property owners and tenants (those liable to pay solid waste charges for residential curbside collection) by **14.13%** beginning on July 1, 2024.

Commercial solid waste collection fees will increase by **14.13%** beginning on July 1, 2024. These rate changes apply to the area serviced by Intermountain Disposal only, not Feather River Disposal. This resolution will not affect property owners within the City of Portola. A proposed fee schedule is available on the County website (see below).

The proposed fee schedule is available for view on the internet at:

<https://www.plumascounty.us/2616/Public-Documents>

Pursuant to California Proposition 218, if you wish to file a valid written protest, you must ensure that the following information is included in your protest letter: the street address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) - if you own multiple properties and wish to file a protest for each property, all APNs must be listed - the original signature of the property owner or tenant



**PLUMAS COUNTY
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE (PCIWMTF)
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John Forno, Chair

MEMORANDUM

May 29, 2024

From: Plumas County Integrates Waste Management Task Force
Subject: Advice from PCIWMTF pertaining to proposed rate change for Solid Waste Financial Areas No. 1 and No. 2
To: Plumas County Board of Supervisors

On Monday, May 6th, 2024, the Plumas County Integrated Waste Management Task Force, a Board-appointed advisory committee, conducted a duly notified regular meeting. Three (3) Task Force Members were present; therefore, a quorum was established.

Following consideration of the Franchise Contract dictated annual rate review procedure, the Task Force unanimously developed the following advice for consideration by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors:

The PCIWMTF recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a rate increase for Solid Waste Franchise Area No. 1 in the amount of 6.09% and a rate increase for Curbside and Transfer Station rates in Franchise Area No. 2 in the amount of 14.13% and 19.47% respectively for the Fiscal Year of 2024/2025, pursuant to the rate evaluation procedures outlined in the 2017 Franchise Contract. These values were determined via an independent analysis of audited financial statements submitted by the Franchise Contractors as dictated by the Franchise Contract.

Respectfully submitted,


John Forno, chair, PCIWMTF