

## Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Solid Waste Rate Adjustments

PARA UNA VERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL DE ESTE “AVISO DE AUDENCIA PÚBLICA SOBRE LOS AUMENTOS PROPUESTOS DE LA TASA DE RESIDUOS SÓLIDOS”, UTILICE EL SIGUIENTE ENLACE AL SITIO WEB:

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### Property Owners and Tenants - Customers:

This notice is intended to inform you that the City of Grover Beach (the “City”) will hold a public hearing regarding rate adjustments (the “Proposed Rate Adjustments”) proposed by South County Sanitary Service (the “Garbage Company”) for properties and customers receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City. The Proposed Rate Adjustments will be considered by the Grover Beach Council at the date, time, and location specified below. Consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, this notice also provides you with the following information:

- The Date, Time, and Place of the Public Hearing;
- The Reason for the Proposed Rate Adjustments;
- The Effective Date of the Rate Adjustment if Approved;
- The Basis for the Proposed Rate Adjustments; and
- The Majority Protest Procedures.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for the Proposed Rate Adjustments within the City limits will be held on:

**Date:** January 27, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Place:** Grover Beach City Hall located at 154 South 8<sup>th</sup> St, Grover Beach

At the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider all public comment in support of and in opposition to the Proposed Rate Adjustments and whether or not a Majority Protest exists pursuant to the California Constitution (as described below). *If approved, the Proposed 2025 Rate Adjustment would become effective on January 1, 2025 and annual adjustments would be effective each January 1 of 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029.*

### Reason For and Basis of the Proposed Rate Adjustments

The Proposed Rate Adjustment for 2025 is based on the Garbage Company’s documented cost of providing solid waste services and is a 5.02% increase above current solid waste rates. This cost-based adjustment is necessary

for the Garbage Company to continue to provide safe, environmentally sound and reliable solid waste removal, transportation and disposal services to the residents and businesses of the City. The adjustments are requested due to:

- Increases in organics processing costs – Third-party costs for the organic waste post-collection processing facility operated by the company formerly named Hitachi Zosen INOVA, and which are not within the Garbage Company’s control, have doubled since 2022. The change in cost is the result of changes in facility capital and operating costs.
- Increases in landfill disposal costs – Related party costs for landfill waste disposal at Cold Canyon have remained flat since 2016. The 2025 rate adjustment reflects a market adjustment to these costs, from a per ton tipping fee of \$41 per ton (in place since 2016) to a per ton tipping fee of \$70. The Garbage Company provided market comparison demonstrating the applicability of the \$70 per ton market tipping fee.
- Collection costs including labor, vehicles, operating expenses and overhead – These costs are increasing approximately 4.21% in 2025.
- Adjustments necessary for moving to a new methodology for annual rate adjustments that provides for increased rate stability, predictability, fairness, transparency, ease of administration, and cost-effectiveness. These include updated depreciation lifespans for solid waste collection vehicles, removal of a limitation on corporate overhead costs for legal, tax, payroll, human resources, engineering, compliance, IT, training and recruiting programs, and updated profit allowance in-keeping with industry standards.
- Adjustments for new service enhancements, including the ability for residents to exchange a solid waste collection cart once annually at no additional cost, no charge collection for one bulky item during clean-up weeks, and a rate assistance program providing a 20% low-income discount provided to residential customers using 32-gallon cart service (using existing jurisdictional practices on low-income relief for their offered utility type services).

The Proposed Rate Adjustments for 2025 applicable to residential solid waste customers are shown in the table below.

<b>Garbage Container Size</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Change in Monthly Rate</b>
32-gallon	\$24.23	\$25.45	\$1.22
64-gallon	\$32.74	\$34.38	\$1.64
96-gallon	\$41.23	\$43.30	\$2.07

In addition, commencing each January 1 of 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 solid waste rates will be adjusted based on the following:

- Annual change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Garbage and Trash Collection in the U.S all city average, with a minimum 2% adjustment and a maximum 5% adjustment. Amounts below the minimum or above the maximum will carry forward to the following year.
- Calculation of a 10% profit allowance starting in 2026 (estimated at additional 0.67% to 0.69% adjustment in 2026).
- Addition of a revenue balancing mechanism starting in 2027, wherein actual revenues from solid waste rates over or under projections carry forward as additions to, or offsets against, the annual CPI adjustment.
- Rate adjustments for January 1, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 are not expected to exceed 7%.

The Proposed Rate Adjustments have been independently reviewed for consistency with the City of San Luis Obispo Rate Setting Process and Methodology Manual for Integrated Solid Waste Management dated June 1994 and in accordance with the provisions of the City's Franchise Agreement with the Garbage Company, as amended, governing solid waste service within the boundaries of the City. The Proposed Rate Adjustments contemplate implementation of a new methodology for annual rate adjustments which is described in New Solid Waste Rate Adjustment Methodology and 2025 Rates report authored by independent reviewer, R3 Consulting Group, Inc. The consultant's report and the complete set of proposed 2025 solid waste rates is available at the City Clerk's office located at Grover Beach City Hall located at 154 South 8<sup>th</sup> St, Grover Beach.

## **How Do I Protest the Proposed Rate Adjustments?**

Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, the following persons may submit a written protest against the Proposed Rate Adjustments to the City Clerk before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

- An owner(s) of property (parcel(s)) receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City limits. If the person(s) signing the protest, as an owner, is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner of the parcel(s) then the protest must contain or be accompanied by written evidence that such person signing the protest is the owner of the parcel(s) receiving services; or
- A tenant(s) whose name appears on the Garbage Company's records as the customer of record for the corresponding parcel receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City limits (tenant-customer).

A valid written protest must contain a statement that you protest the Proposed Rate Adjustments, the address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) of the parcel or parcels which receive solid waste, recycling, and green waste services, and a signature by either the owner or the tenant-customer of the parcel or parcels. One written protest per parcel shall be counted in calculating a majority protest to the Proposed Rate Adjustments subject to the requirements of Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution. Written protests will not be accepted by e-mail or by facsimile. Verbal protests will not be counted in determining the existence of a majority protest. To be counted, a protest must be received in writing by the City Clerk before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

Written protests regarding the solid waste rate adjustments may be mailed to:

**City of Grover Beach  
Attn: City Clerk  
154 South 8<sup>th</sup> St  
Grover Beach, CA 93433**

Written protests may also be personally delivered to the City Clerk at Grover Beach City Hall located at 154 South 8<sup>th</sup> St, Grover Beach, California.

If valid written protests are presented by a majority of owners and/or tenants-customers of parcels receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City limits, then the City will not adjust the rates for the services.

## Informational Sessions

The Garbage Company coordinated additional informational sessions as an opportunity for the public to learn more and ask questions regarding the rate adjustments. These informational sessions will be done prior to the public hearing as shown below.

### Informational Session #1

Date: December 18, 2024  
Time: 5:00PM – 6:30PM  
Place: Ramona Garden Park Center  
993 Ramona Avenue  
Grover Beach, CA 93433

### Informational Session #2

Date: January 20, 2025  
Time: 5:00PM – 6:30PM  
Place: Grover Beach Community Center  
1230 Trouville Avenue  
Grover Beach, CA 93433

For additional questions or inquiries outside of these informational sessions, please feel to contact the Garbage Company at (805) 489-4246 and one of our customer service representatives will be able to assist you. Please note, written protests must be received or mailed to the City Clerk at Grover Beach City Hall prior to the rate hearing date.

Si tiene preguntas o consultas adicionales, no dude en comunicarse con la compañía de basura al (805) 489-4246 y uno de nuestros representantes de servicio al cliente podrá ayudarlo.

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**SOUTH COUNTY SANITARY SERVICE  
 RATE ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025  
 CITY OF GROVER BEACH**

Service Description	Pickups Per Week	Monthly Rates Effective 01/01/2024	Proposed Rate Adjustment	Monthly Rates Effective 01/01/2025
<b>RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND MULTI-UNIT (4 UNITS OR LESS):</b>				
32 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$24.23	1.22	\$25.45
64 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$32.74	1.64	\$34.38
96 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$41.23	2.07	\$43.30
TWO-64 Gallon Waste Wheelers	1	\$49.76	2.50	\$52.26
ONE 64 & ONE 96 Gallon	1	\$58.26	2.92	\$61.18
TWO-96 Gallon Waste Wheelers	1	\$66.77	3.35	\$70.12
Residential customers must use the waste wheelers provided by the garbage company. This solid service fee for residential trash collections (container with black or gray lid) includes once a week pick-up of one greenwaste/organics container (green lid), and one recycling container (blue lid).				
<b>MULTI-FAMILY (5 or MORE)</b>				
Rates are the same as commercial dumpsters and waste wheeler rates (below).				
<b>COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS - ALL AREAS:</b>				
1 yd dumpster	1	\$113.14	5.68	\$118.82
1 yd dumpster	2	\$168.23	8.45	\$176.68
1 yd dumpster	3	\$229.18	11.50	\$240.68
1 yd dumpster	4	\$290.11	14.56	\$304.67
1 yd dumpster	5	\$342.30	17.18	\$359.48
1 yd dumpster	6	\$409.07	20.54	\$429.61
1 yd dumpster	7	\$499.60	25.08	\$524.68
1.5 yd dumpster	1	\$130.55	6.55	\$137.10
1.5 yd dumpster	2	\$205.98	10.34	\$216.32
1.5 yd dumpster	3	\$290.11	14.56	\$304.67
1.5 yd dumpster	4	\$377.16	18.93	\$396.09
1.5 yd dumpster	5	\$461.25	23.15	\$484.40
1.5 yd dumpster	6	\$548.29	27.52	\$575.81
1.5 yd dumpster	7	\$667.07	33.49	\$700.56
2 yd dumpster	1	\$147.95	7.43	\$155.38
2 yd dumpster	2	\$243.68	12.23	\$255.91
2 yd dumpster	3	\$356.80	17.91	\$374.71
2 yd dumpster	4	\$469.97	23.59	\$493.56
2 yd dumpster	5	\$574.37	28.83	\$603.20
2 yd dumpster	6	\$687.54	34.51	\$722.05
2 yd dumpster	7	\$840.70	42.20	\$882.90
3 yd dumpster	1	\$176.96	8.88	\$185.84
3 yd dumpster	2	\$339.44	17.04	\$356.48
3 yd dumpster	3	\$469.97	23.59	\$493.56
3 yd dumpster	4	\$612.10	30.73	\$642.83
3 yd dumpster	5	\$728.17	36.55	\$764.72
3 yd dumpster	6	\$864.50	43.40	\$907.90
3 yd dumpster	7	\$1,100.96	55.27	\$1,156.23
4 yd dumpster	1	\$229.18	11.50	\$240.68
4 yd dumpster	2	\$388.71	19.51	\$408.22
4 yd dumpster	3	\$556.98	27.96	\$584.94
4 yd dumpster	4	\$728.17	36.55	\$764.72
4 yd dumpster	5	\$896.43	45.00	\$941.43
4 yd dumpster	6	\$1,067.56	53.59	\$1,121.15
4 yd dumpster	7	\$1,362.59	68.40	\$1,430.99

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6 yd dumpster	1	\$343.77	17.26	\$361.03
6 yd dumpster	2	\$583.05	29.27	\$612.32
6 yd dumpster	3	\$835.47	41.94	\$877.41
6 yd dumpster	4	\$1,092.26	54.83	\$1,147.09
6 yd dumpster	5	\$1,344.68	67.50	\$1,412.18
6 yd dumpster	6	\$1,601.36	80.39	\$1,681.75
6 yd dumpster	7	\$2,043.91	102.60	\$2,146.51
8 yd dumpster	1	\$458.37	23.01	\$481.38
8 yd dumpster	2	\$777.43	39.03	\$816.46
8 yd dumpster	3	\$1,113.97	55.92	\$1,169.89
8 yd dumpster	4	\$1,456.37	73.11	\$1,529.48
8 yd dumpster	5	\$1,792.87	90.00	\$1,882.87
8 yd dumpster	6	\$2,135.16	107.19	\$2,242.35
8 yd dumpster	7	\$2,725.17	136.80	\$2,861.97
The rates shown above include the monthly container rental fee and a semi-annual dumpster cleaning.				
<b>COMMERCIAL - OTHER CHARGES:</b>				
Rates for all commercial customers include recycling or greenwaste/organics pickup once per week, included with the garbage service rate. Customers can choose from a 64 or 96 gallon blue commingled recycle waste wheeler or a 32 or 64 gallon organics waste wheeler included with the garbage service rate (96 gallon waste wheelers can only be used with green waste due to weight). If you need a bin for recycling there is a charge (see below). <b>If you need more frequent recycling, including organics/greenwaste service, it can be provided at a 50% discount from the garbage service rates for the specified level of service required.</b>				
<b>COMMERCIAL GARBAGE CANS - ALL AREAS:</b>				
32 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$31.91	1.60	\$33.51
64 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$58.03	2.91	\$60.94
96 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$72.54	3.64	\$76.18
Re-deliver bin to stopped acct		\$54.16	2.72	\$56.88
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES - ALL CUSTOMERS:</b>				
Overstacked Garbage & extra bags Minimum/unit	each	\$7.56	0.38	\$7.94
Overstacked Greenwaste & extra bags Minimum/unit	each	\$3.79	0.19	\$3.98
Overstacked Blue Bin & extra bags Minimum/unit	each	\$3.80	0.19	\$3.99
In yard service (per can or commodity) IN ADDITION TO STANDARD GARBAGE RATES	per month	\$18.88	0.95	\$19.83
Monthly charge for additional 32, 64 or 96-gallon green waste/organics service	per month	\$5.23	0.26	\$5.49
Monthly charge for additional 32, 64 or 96-gallon recycle service	per month	\$2.14	0.11	\$2.25
Vacant Rate	per month	\$17.62	0.88	\$18.50
Waste wheeler cleaning	each time	\$28.17	1.41	\$29.58
Trip charge	each time	\$18.89	0.95	\$19.84
Non-payment downsize service	each time	\$18.89	0.95	\$19.84
Non-payment redeliver waste wheeler	each time	\$45.41	2.28	\$47.69
Non-payment reconnect service	each time	\$45.41	2.28	\$47.69
Small item pickup (TV, toilet)	each	\$44.31	2.22	\$46.53
Appliance pickup-residential	each	\$62.49	3.14	\$65.63

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Lock Charge	per month	\$10.52	0.53	\$11.05
City Clean Up	each	\$16.44	0.83	\$17.27
Garbage extras on your scheduled pickup day	per yard	\$15.94	0.80	\$16.74
Garbage extras -NOT ON YOUR SCHEDULED PICKUP DAY	per yard	\$44.00	2.21	\$46.21
Commercial Waste Wheeler rent	per month	\$5.85	0.29	\$6.14
Re-deliver bin on stopped acct	each time	\$54.16	2.72	\$56.88
Compactors	per yard	\$21.48	1.08	\$22.56
Sunday Service (in additional to garbage service level)	per month	\$94.55	4.75	\$99.30
Recycle bin rental	per month	\$65.28	3.28	\$68.56
Stand by time	per hour	\$90.63	4.55	\$95.18
Extra bin cleaning		\$84.51	4.24	\$88.75
Damage/Destruction of bins or waste wheelers	Replacement/repair at market price			
<b>Short Term Dumpsters:</b>				
Delivery & Pickup-Bin		\$54.16	2.72	\$56.88
Delivery & Pickup-Waste Wheeler		\$18.88	0.95	\$19.83
Rental	Per Day	\$5.85	0.29	\$6.14
Empties	Per Yard	\$44.00	2.21	\$46.21
<b>Mattress:</b>				
Twin	PER SET	\$24.59	1.23	\$25.82
Double	PER SET	\$24.59	1.23	\$25.82
Queen	PER SET	\$24.59	1.23	\$25.82
King	PER SET	\$24.59	1.23	\$25.82

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ALL CUSTOMERS:**

- Customers requesting Temporary Bins or Roll-off Box Service can call the office for current rates
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam, Plastic #6) is not collected for recycling and should be thrown away as trash. Please bag Styrofoam packing peanuts before placing in trash container.
- It is encouraged to bag your trash in the garbage container but do not bag your recyclables or green waste in their respective containers and keep it loose.
- Recycling, Greenwaste/Organics and Garbage containers should spaced 3 feet apart away from any obstacles (i.e mailboxes, cars, etc) before 6:00am on collection service day.
- The fee schedule above only includes the Garbage Company rates and does not include IWMA fees, which are separately noted on the billings.
- Cleaning fees will be billed on a time and materials basis
- Late Fees are imposed for residential customers over 30 days delinquent. The fee is 1.5% per month of the outstanding charge, with a minimum fee of \$5.00. No prior notice is required, as this late fee policy is stated at the bottom of every bill.
- Customers can be charged for contamination fees in the trash, recycling and/or the greenwaste/organics containers.

**Any additional recycling, including greenwaste/organic services are charged out at 50% of the garbage rate of equivalent size and frequency.**

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