

**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASES TO
SOLID WASTE RATES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Signal Hill (the "City") will hold a Public Hearing on August 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to consider adopting increases to the rates for collection and handling of solid waste, including solid waste, organics and recycling within the City (collectively, "Solid Waste Services"). The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 or any subsequent Order related to conducting public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public hearing will be held remotely online on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/88147936648> (passcode **374778**). To call into the hearing (audio only), dial (408) 638-0968, enter the meeting ID **881-4793-6648**, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode **374778**.

Persons wishing to address the Council remotely may submit written comments or speak.

To submit written comments, please email the City Clerk at cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org by 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2021 and indicate whether you want your comments read aloud or forwarded to Council. Written comments will be read into the record. If you would like to speak at the Zoom meeting, press the "raise hand" button. If you are calling in and would like to speak, press *9. Each speaker will be allowed to speak for up to three minutes.

Signal Hill City Council meetings may also be conducted in the City Council Chamber by August 24, 2021 and if so, meeting participation information will be included on the August 24, 2021 City Council meeting agenda. If you have any questions or would like to confirm participation options, please contact the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org or (562) 989-7305.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider all oral testimony and written protests to, and the adoption of, the proposed rates. This 45-day notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 6(a) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Proposed Rate Increases

Signal Hill Waste Disposal d.b.a EDCO ("EDCO") provides Solid Waste Services within the City pursuant to an exclusive franchise agreement. EDCO bills the customers directly for the services. Solid waste rates are evaluated periodically to maintain an adequate rate structure to fund the costs of providing Solid Waste Services to residents and commercial businesses.

The rate structure for the monthly solid waste service fees has three customer classes: (i) residential, and (ii) multi-family and (iii) commercial. The rates for the solid waste service fees imposed on each customer class are determined on the basis of (i) the size of the container (in gallons), or bin or cart (in cubic yards) serving the property; (ii) the type of container (e.g., solid waste, recycling, or organics) serving the property; and (iii) the frequency of pickups per week. The rate structure is comprised of three components: (i) a collection fee; (ii) a processing fee; and (iii) a disposal fee. The monthly rates to be imposed are set forth in Exhibit A of this Notice.

The proposed solid service collection rate increases are necessary for EDCO to provide mandatory organic waste collection services pursuant to AB 1826 and SB 1383 Regulations. The proposed rates are calculated to recover the costs of providing the organic waste collection services and to proportionately allocate those costs on a parcel basis among various customer classes. The revenues from these rates are used to pay for the Solid Waste Services provided by EDCO under the franchise agreement.

The proposed rates for the solid waste service fees shall be adjusted annually to account for inflation and increases in disposal fees. Beginning July 1, 2022, and each July 1 thereafter, through and including July 1, 2026, the rates for the solid waste service fees may be adjusted based on the twelve-month average change in the previous calendar year in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Metropolitan Area. The maximum CPI adjustment each year shall be capped at 3.5 percent. Hauler is charged a fee for disposal of solid waste at applicable disposal sites ("Tipping Fees"). In the event that there are increases or decreases its Tipping Fees, those increases or decreases will be passed on to property owners and customers ("Tipping Fee Adjustments"). Such Tipping Fee Adjustments may be imposed annually on or after July 1, 2022, through and including July 1, 2026. Prior to implementing any annual CPI Adjustment or Tipping Fee Adjustment, the City must provide written notice of such adjustment to any property owner or tenant directly liable for the payment of solid waste fees. The notice must be mailed not less than 30 days prior to the effective date of any rate adjustment.

Public Hearing and Protests

Any property owner whose property is to be subject to the proposed increases to the rates for the 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 rate increases; provided, however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must: (1) state that the identified property owner or tenant is in opposition to the proposed rate increases; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. If the person submitting the written protest is the owner of record but was not shown on Los Angeles County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner, that person must provide written evidence that the person is the property owner. Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk's Office at 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755, provided they are received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. If submitting your protest by mail, please provide sufficient time for it to arrive prior to the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing. Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. 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 Rate Increases.

The City Council will consider all written protests and hear and consider all oral comments to the proposed rate increases and annual rate adjustments at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of the rate increases to the City's solid waste service fees and the annual CPI and Tipping Fee Adjustments as described herein. If written protests against the proposed rate increases and annual CPI and Tipping Fee Adjustments 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 and annual CPI and Tipping Fee Adjustments as outlined above. If adopted, the proposed rate increases will take effect beginning October 14, 2021. The City is conducting this

Proposition 218 majority protest proceeding out of an abundance of caution and without conceding the applicability of Proposition 218 to Solid Waste Services.

If you have questions regarding this notice or how your rates will be affected, please call (562) 989-7356 or email KTunnicliff@cityofsignalhill.org.

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