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City Council Public Hearing
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Presentation Overview



- Solid Waste program goals
- Factors that affect rates

- Review recommended garbage & recycling rates
- Benchmark comparison of residential rates





Solid Waste Program Goals

- Assure high quality and economical garbage and recycling services for Vancouver residents, businesses and neighborhoods
- Engage the community in reducing volumes and toxicity of land-filled wastes
- Conserve resources, protect health and safety





48,762 Single Family households
60% organics subscribers

30,823 Multi-family units

2,873 Commercial accounts



Factors that Affect Solid Waste Rates

Result: 8.5% to 9.4% rate increase for typical services



- Adherence to City Financial Management Policies in 2023-24 Biennial Budget
- City's collection contract specifies exact rate model for calculating and annually adjusting Solid Waste rates.
- Data updated for 2023 includes:
 - Inflation Adjustment Factor of 9.43%
 - Garbage Tip Fee increase of 6.5%, or \$6.46 per ton
 - No change to City Utility Tax of 28.9% (garbage rates only)
 - Fee to support City programs for coupons, cleanups, etc.
 - Other: Customer Census, Recycling Processing Surcharge

Proposed Solid Waste Commercial Rates

Typical Commercial Customer	2022 Monthly Adopted Rate	2023 Monthly Recommended Rate	Monthly Difference
2-yards garbage picked up weekly	\$217.31	\$235.77	\$18.46



All rates shown above include City of Vancouver utility tax.



Proposed Solid Waste Residential Rates

Current and Recommended Rates	2022	2023	Difference
Typical Residential Customer Garbage (32-gallon cart weekly)	\$21.10	\$22.89	\$1.79
Recycling (EOW)*	\$4.18	\$3.84	-\$0.34
Garbage and Recycling Combined	\$25.28	\$26.73	\$1.45
Organics (96-gallon cart EOW)	\$8.05	\$8.81	\$0.76
Garbage and Recycling Combined with optional Organics Service	\$33.33	\$35.54	\$2.21

^{*} Recycling includes processing surcharge

All rates shown above are for single-family monthly service and include City of Vancouver utility tax on garbage.



Rate Comparisons – 2022 vs 2023 Proposed

COMPARING CURRENT AND PROPOSED VANCOUVER SOLID WASTE RATES WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES



