

May 19, 2022 – Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee Summary

Meeting Topic:

Staff presented one action item regarding the garbage and recycling collection rate review.

Action Item:

Proposed Garbage & Recycling Collection Rate Decreases and Reduced Rate Program

Recommended Action by Staff:

Staff recommended the following rate adjustments, as shown in Attachment A of the staff report, become effective August 1, 2022, upon approval of Washington County Board of County Commissioners:

- 3.9% rate decrease for commercial (container) service
- 4.1% rate decrease for drop box/occasional container service

Additionally, staff recommended that a reduced rate program be implemented on January 1, 2023, in lieu of a residential (can/cart) rate decrease:

- 75% discount applied to standard residential can/cart service collection rates and recycling surcharge for households with income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level .

Action taken by the Committee:

The Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the Washington County Board of County Commissioners approve the garbage and recycling collection rate changes, as described in the staff report with a proposed amendment to the motion as follows: “If the Board doesn’t approve the reduced rate program, then a residential rate decrease is recommended.”

The motion to amend: **“Recommend that if the Board doesn’t approve the reduced rate program, then a residential rate decrease should be approved, as shown in the staff report.”**

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

The motion to approve: **“Approve staff recommendations as presented, with the amendment.”**

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

Committee Members present for the May 19, 2022 meeting:

Public Members:	Ashvin Nagaraja, Sandra Smith, Sue Shade, Lesley Albert, Kathy Christy, Hannah Carleson
Industry Members:	Vinod Singh
HHS Staff Non-Voting Member:	Thomas Egleston

Staff in attendance

HHS Staff: Kathy Folsom, Senior Policy Coordinator; Erin Stein, Operations Supervisor

Committee Members absent for the May 19, 2022 meeting:

Public Members: Peter Pasterz, Mayra Hernandez