



Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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Ordinance

Proposed No. 2016-0386.1

Sponsors Upthegrove

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste fees charged at
2 recycling and transfer facilities and at the Cedar Hills
3 regional landfill; and amending Ordinance 12586, Section
4 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 6 1. The solid waste division of the department of natural resources and
7 parks provides essential public services that protect human health, the
8 environment, and the quality of life in our region.
- 9 2. The solid waste division operates the Cedar Hills regional landfill,
10 eight transfer stations, and two drop boxes. It also provides innovative
11 programs to help customers recycle and prevent waste.
- 12 3. The solid waste division is an enterprise fund, supporting almost all
13 (ninety-five percent) of its services with a basic fee charged for each ton
14 of municipal solid waste received at county facilities.
- 15 4. The solid waste basic fee for 2013-2014 took effect on January 1, 2013,
16 with a further increase scheduled for the 2015-2016 rate period.
- 17 5. By achieving efficiencies and refocusing priorities, the division made
18 the two-year rate last four years, so that customers will pay twenty-two

19 million dollars less in 2015 and 2016 than if fees had increased as
20 scheduled.

21 6. A fee increase can no longer be deferred if the solid waste division is to
22 sustain current services, repay debt on previously approved transfer station
23 projects, reinforce service reliability, and test demand management
24 methods at transfer stations.

25 7. The proposed new basic fee is less than the 2017 fee projected in the
26 last rate proposal and in line with rates charged by comparable solid waste
27 service providers in the region.

28 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

29 SECTION 1. A. This ordinance proposes changes to the fees currently charged
30 for solid waste disposal at solid waste transfer stations and drop boxes and at the Cedar
31 Hills regional landfill.

32 B. These fees are established and assessed pursuant to RCW 36.58.040, RCW
33 70.93.070 and K.C.C. 10.08.040.

34 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12586, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021 are
35 each hereby amended as follows:

36 A. All persons using county-operated solid waste transfer stations and drop boxes
37 shall pay the service fees in the following schedules:

38 1. Solid waste disposal:

39	Passenger cars	\$(19.22) <u>22.08</u> per entry
40	Other vehicles	\$(120.17) <u>137.75</u> per ton
41	Charitable organizations	\$(92.55) <u>106.07</u> per ton

42 Minimum \$((~~19.22~~)) 22.08 per vehicle

43 Charitable organizations, minimum charge \$((~~15.08~~)) 16.97 per entry

44 2. Deposit of source-separated yard waste at yard waste collection areas, clean
45 wood at clean wood collection areas, or any combination thereof:

46 Passenger cars \$12.00 per entry

47 Other vehicles \$75.00 per ton

48 Minimum charge \$12.00 per vehicle

49 3. Deposit of white goods at white goods collection areas:

50 White goods without regulated refrigerants \$10.00 per unit

51 White goods with regulated refrigerants \$30.00 per unit

52 B. Service fees for the use of solid waste facilities without scales shall be based
53 upon the cubic yard or fraction thereof as follows:

54 1. Solid waste disposal:

55 Passenger cars \$((~~19.67~~)) 22.08 per entry

56 Other vehicles:

57 Compacted wastes \$((~~35.31~~)) 39.95 per cubic yard

58 Uncompacted wastes \$((~~20.70~~)) 23.42 per cubic yard

59 Minimum charge \$((~~19.67~~)) 22.08 per vehicle

60 2. Deposit of source-separated yard waste at yard waste collection areas, clean
61 wood at clean wood collection areas, or any combination thereof:

62 Passenger cars \$12.00 per entry

63 Other vehicles:

64 Compacted wastes \$21.75 per cubic yard

65 Uncompacted wastes \$12.75 per cubic yard

66 Minimum charge \$12.00 per vehicle

67 C. Service fees at the Cedar Hills regional landfill shall be:

68 Cedar Hills Regional Direct \$~~((103.50))~~ 117.00 per ton

69 Other vehicles \$~~((121.75))~~ 137.75 per ton

70 Disposal by other vehicles is at the discretion of the division director.

71 D. A moderate-risk waste surcharge shall be added to all solid waste disposed by
72 nonsolid waste collection entities using county operated solid waste facilities. The fee
73 schedule is as follows:

74 1. For facilities with scales:

75 Self-haulers \$4.73 per ton

76 Minimum charge \$1.81 per entry

77 Passenger cars \$1.81 per entry

78 2. For facilities without scales:

79 Compacted \$1.04 per cubic yard

80 Uncompacted \$0.59 per cubic yard

81 Minimum charge \$1.81 per entry

82 Passenger cars \$1.81 per entry

83 E. As determined by the division director, a special waste fee shall be charged for
84 special waste including asbestos-containing waste material and other wastes requiring
85 clearances in accordance with King County Board of Health Code Title 10 or rules
86 adopted by the department.

87 Special waste fee \$~~((145.00))~~ 165.00 per ton

88	Special waste fee minimum charge	\$((23.20)) <u>26.45</u> per entry
89	Special waste fee, extra handling	\$((175.00)) <u>193.00</u> per ton
90	Special waste fee, extra handling minimum	
91	charge	\$((28.00)) <u>30.86</u> per entry

92 F. In the absence of exact weights or measurements, the estimate of the solid
93 waste division director is binding upon the user.

94 G. The solid waste division director may establish fees for handling and
95 processing of recyclable materials for which no other fee has been established

96 by ordinance. Consistent with WRR-1, WRR-2, WWR-4 and WRR-36, the fees need not
97 recover the full cost of handling and processing.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Executive Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Fees for 2017-2018