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**METROPOLITAN
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held before the Metropolitan King County Council on the 22nd day of March, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. to consider adoption of Proposed Ordinance 2021-0449, an ordinance relating to solid waste fees charged at recycling and transfer facilities and at the Cedar Hills regional landfill. The public hearing is planned to be held remotely to comply with the Washington State Governor's Declaration 20-28 (or as amended) regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. It is expected that the full Council will take action on this Proposed Ordinance at the March 22, 2022, meeting following the public hearing.

SUMMARY

King County is proposing this ordinance to, effective on Jan. 1, 2023:

- Restructure how the County collects revenues that are generated by certificated haulers, contract haulers, and any city using its own employees depositing municipal solid waste in the County solid waste system.
- Specifically, the proposed ordinance would: 1) introduce a fixed fee referred to as the fixed-annual charge (FAC), which is the total dollar amount the Solid Waste Division shall collect from billing entities each year to recover a portion of the costs of the Division's nondisposal activities, including, but not limited to, regulatory compliance, regional planning, and zero waste of resources; and 2) reduce the per-ton-rate vehicle fee charged to solid waste collection entities to \$123.82 per ton.
- Under the proposed ordinance, each billing entity, defined in the ordinance as "either a city or a solid waste collection entity that bills its customers directly for the deposit of its customers' municipal solid waste at a county-operated solid waste facility," would pay a share of the FAC for each distinct service area it serves that is directly proportional to the total tons of municipal solid waste deposited by solid waste collection entities at county-operated solid waste facilities in the most recent calendar year for which data is available. A formula is available in the proposed ordinance.
- Service area is defined as "each separate, geographical area of a city serviced by the city's own employees, a contract hauler or a certificated hauler. For the unincorporated area, 'service area' means each separate, geographical area specified in a certificate issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to a certificated hauler."
- The proposed ordinance would set the FAC at approximately \$19.7 million in 2023 and until changed by ordinance.
- Other solid waste fees would also be set by the proposed ordinance.

Prior to final action, Councilmembers may offer additional amendments for consideration by the Council. Persons wishing to testify on the Proposed Ordinance should virtually attend the public hearing on March 22, 2022. Instructions on how to virtually attend a council meeting can be found on the King County council's website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/council>.

A copy of Proposed Ordinance 2021-0449 is available on the Internet at <https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5220715&GUID=160BFCE6-D018-47FE-8204-D839E4ABD19D&Options=Advanced&Search=>. You may also view this notice at the Clerk's page at http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinances_advertised.aspx.

DATED at Seattle, Washington, this 11th day of March, 2022.

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Clerk of the Council