



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste fees charged at recycling and transfer facilities and at the Cedar Hills regional landfill; and amending Ordinance 12564, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The solid waste division of the department of natural resources and parks provides essential public services that protect human health, the environment, and the quality of life in our region.
2. The solid waste division operates the Cedar Hills regional landfill, eight transfer stations, and two drop boxes. It also provides innovative programs to help customers recycle and prevent waste.
3. The solid waste division is an enterprise fund, supporting almost all (ninety-five percent) of its services with a basic fee charged for each ton of municipal solid waste received at county facilities.
4. The solid waste basic fee for 2013-2014 took effect on January 1, 2013, with a further increase scheduled for the 2015-2016 rate period.
5. By achieving efficiencies and refocusing priorities, the division extended the 2013-2014 two-year rate for an additional two years, saving customers twenty-two million dollars in 2015 and 2016.
6. A fee increase can no longer be deferred if the solid waste division is to sustain current services, repay debt on previously approved transfer station projects, plan and provide system handling and disposal capacity into the future and expand recycling programs throughout the

system.

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

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

SECTION 2. Ordinance 12564, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021 are each hereby amended as follows:

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

1. Solid waste disposal:

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| Passenger cars | \$((19.22)) <u>21.60</u> per entry |
| Other vehicles | \$((120.17)) <u>134.59</u> per ton |
| Charitable organizations | \$((92.55)) <u>103.63</u> per ton |
| Minimum | \$((19.22)) <u>21.60</u> per vehicle |
| Charitable organizations, minimum charge | \$((15.08)) <u>16.58</u> per entry |

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

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| Passenger cars | \$12.00 per entry |
| Other vehicles | \$75.00 per ton |
| Minimum charge | \$12.00 per vehicle |

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

White goods without regulated refrigerants \$10.00 per unit

White goods with regulated refrigerants \$30.00 per unit

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

1. Solid waste disposal:

Passenger cars \$((~~19.67~~)) 21.60 per entry

Other vehicles:

Compacted wastes \$((~~35.31~~)) 39.03 per cubic yard

Uncompacted wastes \$((~~20.70~~)) 22.88 per cubic yard

Minimum charge \$((~~19.67~~)) 21.60 per vehicle

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

Passenger cars \$12.00 per entry

Other vehicles:

Compacted wastes \$21.75 per cubic yard

Uncompacted wastes \$12.75 per cubic yard

Minimum charge \$12.00 per vehicle

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

Cedar Hills Regional Direct \$((~~103.50~~)) 114.00 per ton

Other vehicles \$((~~121.75~~)) 134.59 per ton

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

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

1. For facilities with scales:

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| Self-haulers | \$4.73 per ton |
| Minimum charge | \$1.81 per entry |
| Passenger cars | \$1.81 per entry |

2. For facilities without scales:

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| Compacted | \$1.04 per cubic yard |
| Uncompacted | \$0.59 per cubic yard |
| Minimum charge | \$1.81 per entry |
| Passenger cars | \$1.81 per entry |

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

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| Special waste fee | \$(145.00) <u>162.00</u> per ton |
| Special waste fee minimum charge | \$(23.20) <u>25.84</u> per entry |
| Special waste fee, extra handling | \$(175.00) <u>188.00</u> per ton |
| Special waste fee, extra handling minimum charge | \$(28.00) <u>30.15</u> per entry |

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

G. The solid waste division director may establish fees for handling and processing of recyclable materials for which no other fee has been established by ordinance. Consistent with WRR-1, WRR-2, WRR-4 and WRR-36, the fees need not recover the full cost of handling and processing.