



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to yard waste and organics fees at recycling and transfer facilities; and amending Ordinance 12564, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

**SECTION 1. Findings:**

A. The solid waste division of the department of natural resources and parks strives to keep fees low while covering the costs of effectively managing the system and providing high-quality service to customers.

B. Additional capacity at the solid waste division's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") certified platinum Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station improves efficiencies for handling source-separated yard waste and organic materials, such as food waste. This enables the solid waste division to reduce the fee for these materials, which will both reduce costs to ratepayers and increase recycling.

C. In accordance with K.C.C. 10.08.080, the solid waste division is seeking to encourage conservation of energy and natural resources through the incentive of a lower yard waste and organics fee at county transfer facilities.

D. Consistent with the policies in K.C.C. chapter 10.25 and the 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, the solid waste division is seeking to divert as much material as possible from disposal in a manner that reduces the overall costs of solid waste management to county residents and businesses, conserves resources, and protects the environment.

E. Consistent with the 2007 King County Climate Plan, the division is seeking to facilitate the

reduction of green gas emissions.

F. Reducing the fee for source-separated yard waste and organics from \$82.50 per ton to \$57.50 per ton will promote environmental protection and energy conservation while covering the costs of transfer and transport of these materials.

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

All persons using county-operated solid waste disposal facilities shall pay the service fees in the following schedules:

A. Service fees for the use of disposal sites with scales, excluding Cedar Hills, shall be:

1. Solid waste disposal:

Passenger cars	\$15.31 per entry
Other vehicles	\$95.00 per ton
Charitable organizations	\$73.25 per ton
Minimum	\$15.31 per vehicle
Charitable organizations, minimum charge	\$11.69 per entry

2. Deposit of source-separated yard waste at yard waste collection areas, other organics at organics collections areas(~~(, clean wood at clean wood collection areas)~~) or any combination thereof:

Passenger cars	<del>\$((13.25))</del> <u>9.25</u> per entry
Other vehicles	<del>\$((82.50))</del> <u>57.50</u> per ton
Minimum charge	<del>\$((13.25))</del> <u>9.25</u> 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	\$24.00 per unit

4. Deposit of source-separated clean wood at clean wood collection areas:

<u>Passenger cars</u>	<u>\$13.25 per entry</u>
<u>Other vehicles</u>	<u>\$82.50 per ton</u>
<u>Minimum charge</u>	<u>\$13.25 per vehicle</u>

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

1. Solid waste disposal:

Passenger cars	\$15.31 per entry
Other vehicles	
Compacted wastes	\$27.55 per cubic yard
Uncompacted wastes	\$16.15 per cubic yard
Minimum charge	\$15.31 per vehicle

2. Deposit of source-separated yard waste at yard waste collection areas, other organics at organics collections areas(~~(clean wood at clean wood collection areas)~~) or any combination thereof:

Passenger cars	<del>\$(13.25)</del> <u>9.25</u> per entry
Other vehicles	
Compacted wastes	<del>\$(24.00)</del> <u>16.75</u> per cubic yard
Uncompacted wastes	<del>\$(14.00)</del> <u>9.75</u> per cubic yard
Minimum charge	<del>\$(13.25)</del> <u>9.25</u> per vehicle

3. Deposit of source-separated clean wood at clean wood collection areas:

<u>Passenger cars</u>	<u>\$13.25 per entry</u>
<u>Other vehicles</u>	
<u>Compacted wastes</u>	<u>\$24.00 per cubic yard</u>
<u>Uncompacted wastes</u>	<u>\$14.00 per cubic yard</u>
<u>Minimum charge</u>	<u>\$13.25 per vehicle</u>

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

Cedar Hills Regional Direct	\$80.00 per ton
Other vehicles	\$95.00 per ton

Disposal by other vehicles is at the discretion of the solid waste manager.

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 sites with scales:

Self-haulers	\$3.50 per ton
Minimum charge	\$1.34 per entry
Passenger cars	\$1.34 per entry

2. For sites without scales:

Compacted	\$0.77 per cubic yard
Uncompacted	\$0.44 per cubic yard
Minimum charge	\$1.34 per entry
Passenger cars	\$1.34 per entry

E. A special waste fee shall be charged for special waste including infectious waste treated and handled in accordance with King County Board of Health Code 10.28.070, asbestos-containing waste material, problem wastes and other additional wastes requiring clearances in accordance with King County Board of Health Code Title 10 or rules promulgated by the department.

Special waste fee	\$145.00 per ton
Minimum charge	\$23.20 per entry

F. In the absence of exact weights or measurements, the estimate of the manager is binding upon the user.

G. The 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, WWR-4 and WRR-36, the fees need not recover the full cost of handling and processing.