



CITY OF UNION CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SOLID WASTE, COMPOST (ORGANICS) AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE RATES INCREASE FOR FY 2022-23

The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to consider all public comment in support of and in opposition to the proposed solid waste, compost (organics) and recycling rates increase for Fiscal Year 2022-23 on:

June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber at City Hall
34009 Alvarado Niles Rd., Union City, CA

If approved, the proposed rates would become effective July 1, 2022.

Reason and Basis for the Proposed Increase in Rates

Garbage, compost and recycling collection services are provided to residents and businesses within the City of Union City (Union City) by Republic Services and Tri-City Economic Development Corporation (Tri-CED), who have the exclusive right to provide those services through franchise agreements with Union City. The amount the two service providers may charge for their services is regulated by the franchise agreements. This amount is adjusted each year to reflect inflationary increases in the cost to provide safe, environmentally sound, and reliable garbage, compost and recycling transportation and disposal or processing services to the people of Union City. These costs include, without limitation, labor, fuel, transfer and landfill fees. These costs serve as the basis of the fees paid by customers, which also include amounts to cover related City expenses including, but not limited to contract and solid waste management, public education, customer service, and collection service impacts on local streets. The rates for garbage, compost (organics) and recycling are proposed to increase based on a 1.56% adjustment in compensation for Republic Services attributed to inflation and disposal expense increases and a 6.11% adjustment in compensation for Tri-CED attributed to inflation.

Proposed Increase: Residential Rates

Union City residential property owners pay for minimum curbside collection of garbage, compost and recycling by way of assessments which appear on the annual property tax statement. The fees for basic service are based on weekly servicing of a 35-gallon garbage cart, a 64-gallon recycling cart and a 96-gallon compost cart.

Annual Assessments for Single Family Households (3-cart weekly service)			
Service Type	2021/22 (Current)	2022/23 (Proposed)	Annual Increase
Garbage/Compost/Storm Water	\$479.40	\$486.84	\$7.44
Recycling	\$173.04	\$189.60	\$16.56

The proposed Recycling assessment includes a \$24.00 per year (\$2.00 per month) Recycling Processing Surcharge. Combined, the assessments equate to **\$676.44 per year** cost to single family homeowners for weekly servicing of the three (3) carts, or an increase of \$24.00 per year compared to the combined annual rate for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Parcelized Multi-Family properties (townhomes, condominiums) will pay for servicing of two (2) carts (garbage and recycling, no compost) based on the following proposed annual assessments.

Annual Assessments for Parcelized Multi-Family Households (2-cart weekly service)			
Service Type	2021/22 (Current)	2022/23 (Proposed)	Annual Increase
Garbage/Storm Water	\$321.36	\$326.40	\$5.04
Recycling	\$173.04	\$189.60	\$16.56

The proposed rate adjustments equate to a combined **\$516.00 per year** cost to parcelized multi-family homeowners, including the Recycling Processing Surcharge, and result in an increase of \$21.60 per year compared to the combined monthly rate for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

The complete list of the proposed residential garbage, compost and recycling collection rates is available for viewing at <https://www.unioncity.org/160/Rates-for-Recycling-Garbage>

Proposed Increase: Commercial Rates

An increase of 1.56% is proposed for commercial customers billed monthly by Republic Services. The table below shows the most common service levels and proposed rates if the containers are serviced one time a week.

Examples of Monthly Rates for Commercial Collection			
Service Type	2021/22 (Current)	2022/23 (Proposed)	Monthly Increase
Garbage (3yd bin)	\$434.94	\$441.73	\$6.79
Recycling (3yd bin)	\$260.95	\$265.02	\$4.07
Compost (3yd bin)	\$260.95	\$265.02	\$4.07
Compost (64-gal cart)	\$48.20	\$48.95	\$0.75

The complete list of the proposed commercial and high-density multi-family garbage, compost and recycling collection rates is available for viewing at <https://www.unioncity.org/333/Commercial-Waste-Collection-Rates>

OFFICIAL PROTEST FROM:

Property owner or an authorized representative may complete this form and hand deliver or mail to the City of Union City, Office of the City Clerk, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587. All written protests must be received (not postmarked) before the close of the City Council public hearing set for Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

_____ I protest the proposed increases in garbage, compost (organics) and recycling rates

Name: _____
(Print first and last name, must be legible)

Property Address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) _____

Please sign: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions, please call the City Manager's office at (510) 675-5466.



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Comments on and Protests to the Proposed Rate Adjustments
The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider approving the proposed rates on June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Any members of the public may attend the meeting to provide oral comments. Any property owner (or customer of record if different) may submit a written protest for the proposed rates. At the end of the public hearing, if written protests have been submitted on behalf of a majority of the parcels subject to the proposed rates, the City Council will not adopt the proposed rates. All protests must be in writing and include: 1) an original signature, 2) your printed name, 3) your street address or Assessor Parcel Number (APN) and 4) a statement that you protest the Proposed Rate Increase. Protests submitted by e-mail or facsimile, as well as verbal protests, will not be counted toward a "majority protest." Written protests must be received prior to the conclusion of the public hearing to be counted. You may file a written protest in one of two ways:

1. Written Protests may be submitted by mail to:
City Clerk; City of Union City; 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587.
2. Written Protest may be submitted in person at the Public Hearing.

Please identify on the front of your envelope that the enclosed letter is for the "2022/23 Garbage, Compost and Recycling Rate Increase Public Hearing." If adopted by the City Council, the proposed rate changes will become effective on July 1, 2022 and apply to all residential parcels and commercial customers located within the City of Union City.

For additional information regarding the proposed rate increase, contact Cliff Feldman at (510) 675-5466 or CliffF@UnionCity.Org.