

RESOLUTION NO. NS-30,185

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR COLLECTION OF REFUSE, GARBAGE, TRASH, AND RECYCLABLES, ENCLOSURE MAINTENANCE FEES, USE RATES FOR SPECIAL CONTAINERS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. NS-29,856

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Cruz has established a Refuse Enterprise Fund; and

WHEREAS this fund is responsible for collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, trash, and recyclables generated within the City and the proper collection and disposal of such material is vital to the health and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. NS-29,856 last established a schedule of rates for the collection of garbage, refuse, trash, and recyclables, enclosure maintenance fees, use rates for special containers and customer services; and

WHEREAS, the analysis of refuse rates indicates the current rates and charges are insufficient to maintain existing refuse utility operational, maintenance and capital improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed amendments to the current rates and charges are important for the safe and efficient operation of the City's refuse operation; and

WHEREAS, the notice of the public hearing was provided to each parcel subject to the proposed rate increase at least 45 days prior to the public hearing. Notice of the public hearing was also mailed to all refuse customers. Additionally, the notice was placed on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the amount of the rates hereinafter set forth does not exceed the amount of the estimated costs required to provide the services for which the rates are levied; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the increases in rates effected by this Resolution are reasonable and required for the proper operation of the refuse system, and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code, because they are for the purposes of (1) meeting operating expenses, (2) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment and materials, (3) meeting financial reserve requirements, and (4) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz that Resolution No. NS-29,856 is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schedule of fees contained herein, and the schedule of fees contained in Exhibit "A" City of Santa Cruz School District Fee Schedule, are hereby adopted. This resolution shall take effect and the schedule of fees herein shall apply to charges incurred on or after September 1, 2023; with increases effective on September 1, 2024, September 1, 2025, September 1, 2026, and September 1, 2027, as shown herein.

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SERVICE

Note: Service levels describe refuse service. Rates stated also include recycling, yard waste and food scrap collection service carts or containers provided by City.

1. Cart Service (Residential and Commercial):
 - A. Minimum service level for Residential Dwelling Units is one 20-gallon cart per residential unit per week (or the equivalent volume in container service). Each unit in a multi-family complex is a separate residential unit (for example, a triplex is three residential units).
 - B. Minimum scheduled service required for Commercial Establishments is one 20-gallon cart picked up weekly.

CART SERVICE (Residential and Commercial) –Monthly rates unless otherwise stated

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
20-gallon cart, one/week	\$22.36	\$24.60	\$25.58	\$26.60	\$27.67	\$28.77
32-gallon cart, one/week	\$36.04	\$39.64	\$41.23	\$42.88	\$44.59	\$46.38
64-gallon cart, one/week	\$77.25	\$84.98	\$88.37	\$91.91	\$95.59	\$99.41
95-gallon cart, one/week	\$123.60	\$135.96	\$141.40	\$147.05	\$152.94	\$159.05
Additional unscheduled setout (per bag)	\$16.72	\$18.39	\$19.13	\$19.89	\$20.69	\$21.52
Call-back service (carts)	\$39.53	\$43.48	\$45.22	\$47.03	\$48.91	\$50.87

2. Commercial and Other Establishments using City-owned Containers (1-6 cubic yards):

COMMERCIAL CONTAINERS — CITY OWNED—Monthly rates unless otherwise stated

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
1 Cubic Yard one time a week	\$218.50	\$251.28	\$261.33	\$271.78	\$282.65	\$293.96
Additional scheduled weekly pickups	\$218.50	\$251.28	\$261.33	\$271.78	\$282.65	\$293.96
Additional unscheduled pickups (each)	\$61.26	\$70.45	\$73.27	\$76.20	\$79.25	\$82.42
2 Cubic Yards one time a week	\$325.68	\$374.53	\$389.51	\$405.09	\$421.30	\$438.15
Additional scheduled weekly pickups	\$325.68	\$374.53	\$389.51	\$405.09	\$421.30	\$438.15
Additional unscheduled pickups (each)	\$122.52	\$140.90	\$146.53	\$152.40	\$158.49	\$164.83
<i>Temporary Service</i>						
Ten-day service, one pick-up	\$157.52	\$181.15	\$188.39	\$195.93	\$203.77	\$211.92
Five-day service, one pick-up	\$108.76	\$125.07	\$130.08	\$135.28	\$140.69	\$146.32
Each Extra Day (max 15)	\$31.57	\$36.31	\$37.76	\$39.27	\$40.84	\$42.47
3 Cubic Yards one time a week	\$456.74	\$525.25	\$546.26	\$568.11	\$590.84	\$614.47
Additional scheduled weekly pickups	\$456.74	\$525.25	\$546.26	\$568.11	\$590.84	\$614.47
Additional unscheduled pickups (each)	\$200.87	\$231.00	\$240.24	\$249.85	\$259.84	\$270.24
4 Cubic Yards one time a week	\$557.00	\$640.55	\$666.17	\$692.82	\$720.53	\$749.35
Additional scheduled weekly pickups	\$557.00	\$640.55	\$666.17	\$692.82	\$720.53	\$749.35
Additional unscheduled pickups (each)	\$245.05	\$281.81	\$293.08	\$304.80	\$317.00	\$329.67
<i>Temporary Service</i>						

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Ten-day service, one pick-up	\$317.24	\$364.83	\$379.42	\$394.60	\$410.38	\$426.79
Five-day service, one pick-up	\$216.59	\$249.08	\$259.04	\$269.40	\$280.18	\$291.39
Each Extra Day (max 15)	\$62.98	\$72.43	\$75.32	\$78.34	\$81.47	\$84.73
6 Cubic Yards one time a week	\$788.32	\$906.57	\$942.83	\$980.54	\$1,019.77	\$1,060.56
Additional scheduled weekly pickups	\$788.32	\$906.57	\$942.83	\$980.54	\$1,019.77	\$1,060.56
Additional unscheduled pickups (each)	\$367.57	\$422.71	\$439.61	\$457.20	\$475.49	\$494.51
<i>Temporary Service</i>						
Ten-day service, one pick-up	\$381.01	\$438.16	\$455.69	\$473.92	\$492.87	\$512.59
Five-day service, one pick-up	\$259.88	\$298.86	\$310.82	\$323.25	\$336.18	\$349.63
Each Extra Day (max 15)	\$62.98	\$72.43	\$75.32	\$78.34	\$81.47	\$84.73
8 Cubic Yards one time a week	\$993.28	\$1,142.27	\$1,187.96	\$1,235.48	\$1,284.90	\$1,336.30
Additional scheduled weekly pickups	\$993.28	\$1,142.27	\$1,187.96	\$1,235.48	\$1,284.90	\$1,336.30
Additional unscheduled pickups (each)	\$462.63	\$532.02	\$553.31	\$575.44	\$598.46	\$622.39
Delivery charge for reinstatement delinquent accounts (1-8 yd)	\$145.49	\$167.31	\$174.01	\$180.97	\$188.20	\$195.73

3. Special Containers: City-owned

A. The published City of Santa Cruz 10 to 30 yard container rates include disposal of a limited tonnage of material, which varies by box size. Boxes with heavier loads will be charged additional tonnage fees. No roll-off box may weigh more than ten (10) tons, due to maximum truck weight limits for over-the-road hauling. The driver may require materials to be removed from the box before hauling if the box is too heavy.

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
<i>10 CY</i>						
Temporary 15-day service, 1 pickup	\$459.98	\$459.98	\$459.98	\$459.98	\$459.98	\$459.98
Minimum permanent Service, 1 pickup/month	\$511.35	\$511.35	\$511.35	\$511.35	\$511.35	\$511.35
Additional pickups	\$485.53	\$485.53	\$485.53	\$485.53	\$485.53	\$485.53
<i>15 CY</i>						
Temporary 15-day service, 1 pickup	\$573.19	\$573.19	\$573.19	\$573.19	\$573.19	\$573.19
Minimum permanent Service, 1 pickup/month	\$637.20	\$637.20	\$637.20	\$637.20	\$637.20	\$637.20
Additional pickups	\$605.03	\$605.03	\$605.03	\$605.03	\$605.03	\$605.03
<i>20 CY</i>						
Temporary 15-day service, 1 pickup	\$671.01	\$671.01	\$671.01	\$671.01	\$671.01	\$671.01
Minimum permanent Service, 1 pickup/month	\$745.95	\$745.95	\$745.95	\$745.95	\$745.95	\$745.95
Additional pickups	\$708.29	\$708.29	\$708.29	\$708.29	\$708.29	\$708.29
<i>30 CY</i>						
Temporary 15-day service, 1 pickup	\$866.63	\$866.63	\$866.63	\$866.63	\$866.63	\$866.63
Minimum permanent Service, 1 pickup/month	\$963.41	\$963.41	\$963.41	\$963.41	\$963.41	\$963.41
Additional pickups	\$914.78	\$914.78	\$914.78	\$914.78	\$914.78	\$914.78
<i>Weekend Special, 10-yard, 15-yard</i>						

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10 CY drop off Fri, pickup Mon	\$292.08	\$292.08	\$292.08	\$292.08	\$292.08	\$292.08
15 CY drop off Fri, pickup Mon	\$365.13	\$365.13	\$365.13	\$365.13	\$365.13	\$365.13
OTHER MATERIALS – ALL BOX SIZES	Current Rates					
	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Any construction, fill and/or recycled material accepted by ton at the RRF, including refuse if box is also used for other materials (per pickup)						
Rate+RRF Material fee/ton)	\$367.08+ RRF Fee	\$367.08+ RRF Fee	\$367.08+ RRF Fee	\$367.08+ RRF Fee	\$367.08+ RRF Fee	\$367.08+ RRF Fee
OTHER FEES — ALL BOX SIZES						
Extra Day Charge (per day, not to exceed 15 days).....	\$91.10					
Extra Tonnage charge – Refuse Boxes (per ton).....	Per existing Landfill Material charge					
Roll-Off Call Back Service (per call)	\$100.65					
Delivery charge for reinstating delinquent accounts.....	\$289.74					

4. Special Containers: Customer-owned compactor containers:

COMPACTOR CONTAINERS — Customer Owned						
	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Roll-off truck service (based on 12 CY)	\$67.35	\$77.45	\$80.55	\$83.77	\$87.12	\$90.61
Front-loader truck service	\$29.08	\$33.44	\$34.78	\$36.17	\$37.62	\$39.12

5. Special Containers: Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf

Muni Wharf - Summer 32 gal Cart	\$36.04	\$41.45	\$43.10	\$44.83	\$46.62	\$48.49
Muni Wharf - Winter 32 gal Cart	\$36.04	\$41.45	\$43.10	\$44.83	\$46.62	\$48.49
Muni Wharf - Summer Level 0	\$97.47	\$112.09	\$116.57	\$121.24	\$126.09	\$131.13
Muni Wharf - Winter Level 0	\$97.47	\$112.09	\$116.57	\$121.24	\$126.09	\$131.13
Muni Wharf - Summer Level 1	\$234.64	\$269.84	\$280.63	\$291.85	\$303.53	\$315.67
Muni Wharf - Winter Level 1	\$189.72	\$218.18	\$226.91	\$235.98	\$245.42	\$255.24
Muni Wharf - Summer Level 2	\$410.70	\$472.31	\$491.20	\$510.85	\$531.28	\$552.53
Muni Wharf - Winter Level 2	\$300.89	\$346.02	\$359.86	\$374.26	\$389.23	\$404.80
Muni Wharf - Summer Level 3	\$693.12	\$797.09	\$828.97	\$862.13	\$896.62	\$932.48
Muni Wharf - Winter Level 3	\$466.18	\$536.11	\$557.55	\$579.85	\$603.05	\$627.17
Muni Wharf - Summer Level 4	\$1,125.26	\$1,294.05	\$1,345.81	\$1,399.64	\$1,455.63	\$1,513.85
Muni Wharf - Winter Level 4	\$803.96	\$924.55	\$961.54	\$1,000.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,081.60
Muni Wharf - Summer Level 5	\$1,988.60	\$2,286.89	\$2,378.37	\$2,473.50	\$2,572.44	\$2,675.34
Muni Wharf - Winter Level 5	\$1,363.68	\$1,568.23	\$1,630.96	\$1,696.20	\$1,764.05	\$1,834.61

6. Special Containers: Downtown Mixed-waste and Recycling Enclosures

A. Rate for Common Use of a Refuse Container

Upon findings of need by the Director of Public Works, business/property owners will be allowed to commonly use a single refuse container within a City-owned mixed-waste and recycling enclosure, and will be charged according to the following formula:

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Regular container rate / proportional volume generated by the business or property = monthly refuse rate charged to business or property.

B. Maintenance Fee for Downtown Enclosures

Each business/property owner which uses a City-owned mixed-waste and recycling enclosure will be charged a proportional share of the actual maintenance cost for that enclosure, based on the average volume of refuse collected from the enclosure, through a monthly fee appearing on their refuse bill.

7. Customer Services:

All persons who desire customer services listed in A through H below shall comply with the direction of the Director of Public Works as to procedures for service requests.

A. Cart or Container locks installation:

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Cart locks installation	\$15.23	\$17.51	\$18.22	\$18.94	\$19.70	\$20.49
Container locks installation	\$52.74	\$60.65	\$63.08	\$65.60	\$68.22	\$70.95

B. Cart, Container or Compactor cleaning or painting:

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Cart cleaning (special request)	\$15.23	\$17.51	\$18.22	\$18.94	\$19.70	\$20.49
Container renewal (clean/paint)	\$35.16	\$40.43	\$42.05	\$43.73	\$45.48	\$47.30
Compactor cleaning (per time)	\$179.25	\$206.14	\$214.38	\$222.96	\$231.88	\$241.15

C. Bulky Item Pickup – Residential pick-up of items such as large furniture pieces, appliances, mattresses, etc., after scheduling an appointment through Customer Service.

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Bulky item pickup (Resi pick up, scheduled)	\$24.31	\$26.74	\$27.81	\$28.92	\$30.08	\$31.28

D. Private Enclosure Cleaning Fee – City cleaning of privately-owned trash and/or recycling enclosure, upon request through Customer Service.

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Private enclosed cleaning fee	\$179.25	\$206.14	\$214.38	\$222.96	\$231.88	\$241.15

E. Special Service Fee – Monthly service fee for any of the following special collection services when such service is requested by the customer:

- (1) Opening and closing gates to service carts or containers
- (2) Unlocking and locking carts or containers to empty them
- (3) Accessing service containers requiring special service (i.e. long walk, excessive shifting of containers required, etc.)
- (4) Residential pack-out service (per cart)

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Special service fee (requested by customer)	\$15.23	\$17.51	\$18.22	\$18.94	\$19.70	\$20.49

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F. Difficult to Service Fee – Monthly service fee for cart customers with difficult collection services, such as servicing carts that are over 100 feet from the truck, when such service is requested by the customer (per cart):

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Difficult to service fee	\$30.47	\$33.52	\$34.86	\$36.25	\$37.70	\$39.21

G. Additional Recycling or Yard Waste Cart Fee – Monthly service fee for each additional recycling and/or greenwaste cart when such service is requested by the customer:

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Additional Recycle or Yard waste cart fee	\$4.25	\$4.68	\$4.86	\$5.06	\$5.26	\$5.47

8. Special Haul Service Fees

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Special haul rate (per hour)	\$564.15	\$648.77	\$674.72	\$701.71	\$729.78	\$758.97
Special haul rate (minimum charge)	\$179.25	\$206.14	\$214.38	\$222.96	\$231.88	\$241.15

9. Change of Service Fee

A. For all changes in service not otherwise specified herein:

	Current Rates	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Change of service fee	\$11.72	\$13.48	\$14.02	\$14.58	\$15.16	\$15.77

B. For refuse cart service customers establishing a new service, no fee will be charged for changes in cart size within the 30 days after initial sign-up.

C. For refuse cart service customers requesting a change in service level to a smaller cart size, the change of service fee shall be waived, as long as they have not increased their cart size in the previous twelve (12) months.

10. Contaminated recycle, yard waste or food scrap materials will be charged as refuse.

11. All persons who use the service for which charges are hereby established shall comply with the direction of the Director of Public Works as to the placement of said containers, and to the specifications of said containers.

Persons who use the service for which charges are hereby established may not place collection carts or containers on the public street or sidewalk prior to 24 hours before the scheduled service, and they must remove the carts or containers from the public street or sidewalk within 24 hours after service has occurred.

12. The Director of Public Works is authorized to waive the requirements for single family residential carts to be placed at curbside provided the residential customer supplies the Director of Public Works with evidence of physical incapacity or other just cause or hardship to waive the curbside placement requirement.

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13. The Director of Public Works is authorized to require multiple dwelling complexes to utilize container service rather than carts when use of carts creates a threat to public health or safety, a public nuisance, or when required for safe and efficient municipal utility operations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of August 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Newsome, Brown, Watkins, Brunner, Kalantari-Johnson;
Vice Mayor Golder; Mayor Keeley.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

APPROVED: _____



Fred Keeley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____



Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator

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EXHIBIT A

Santa Cruz City School District - Proposed Resource Recovery Collection Rates

School Name	Current Rate	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Bay View Elementary	\$ 991.48	\$1,140.21	\$1,185.81	\$1,233.25	\$1,282.58	\$1,333.88
Branciforte Elementary	\$ 746.03	\$857.93	\$892.25	\$927.94	\$965.06	\$1,003.66
Branciforte Middle School	\$ 746.03	\$857.93	\$892.25	\$927.94	\$965.06	\$1,003.66
DeLaveaga Elementary	\$ 1,071.80	\$1,232.57	\$1,281.88	\$1,333.15	\$1,386.48	\$1,441.94
Gault Elementary	\$ 746.03	\$857.93	\$892.25	\$927.94	\$965.06	\$1,003.66
Harbor High	\$ 746.03	\$857.93	\$892.25	\$927.94	\$965.06	\$1,003.66
	\$ 1,071.80	\$1,232.57	\$1,281.88	\$1,333.15	\$1,386.48	\$1,441.94
	\$ 420.25	\$483.29	\$502.62	\$522.73	\$543.64	\$565.38
Adult School - La Fonda	\$ 420.25	\$483.29	\$502.62	\$522.73	\$543.64	\$565.38
Mission Hill Middle School	\$ 1,071.80	\$1,232.57	\$1,281.88	\$1,333.15	\$1,386.48	\$1,441.94
Santa Cruz High	\$ 1,425.35	\$1,639.15	\$1,704.72	\$1,772.91	\$1,843.83	\$1,917.58
Football Field	\$ 420.25	\$483.29	\$502.62	\$522.73	\$543.64	\$565.38
229 Weeks - Adult Ed	\$ 48.19	\$55.42	\$57.64	\$59.94	\$62.34	\$64.84
Warehouse (536 Palm)	\$ 254.98	\$293.23	\$304.96	\$317.16	\$329.85	\$343.04
Westlake Element	\$ 254.98	\$293.23	\$304.96	\$317.16	\$329.85	\$343.04
	\$ 420.25	\$483.29	\$502.62	\$522.73	\$543.64	\$565.38
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