

ORDINANCE NO. 01-19

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Richland Municipal Code Section 15.20.020 related to schedule for service charges.

WHEREAS, the City of Richland's Solid Waste Utility offers recycling services to residential and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, the City provides for the collection of recyclable materials, and contracts with a third party for processing and marketing of the collected materials; and

WHEREAS, the recycled material processing industry is international in nature and subject to global policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City absorbed significantly higher costs for processing and reuse of its recyclable materials due to changes in international material processing policies; and

WHEREAS, the City's utility rate setting policies direct that rates reflect the cost of service for each customer class and service; and

WHEREAS, current recycling rates do not cover the cost of providing recycling services; and

WHEREAS, at its November 13, 2018 meeting, the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) reviewed staff's analysis and recommendation regarding a proposed rate action. The UAC concluded its review with a motion to support staff's recommendation to increase recycling service rates; and

WHEREAS, the City has a practice of enacting large rate increases in phases over time; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increases, by percentage, are higher than ten percent (10%). In order to remain consistent with the practice of enacting large rate increases in phases over time, the increase to recycling service rates approved by this Ordinance No. 01-19 will leave rates below the level of full cost recovery until such time as material processing costs decline or until a second rate increase is adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 15.20.020, titled Schedule for service charges, as enacted by Ordinance No. 79, and last amended by Ordinance No. 50-17, is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.20.020 Schedule for service charges.

A. Residences. The owner or current tenant of each occupied residence other than those specified under special charges as authorized in RMC 15.12.050 shall be charged in accordance with the following schedule for the collection and removal of normal accumulations of refuse placed in the residential container(s) for disposal. The foregoing shall not include the removal of refuse resulting from major renovations or new construction or of earth, rocks, sod, dead animals, animal wastes, lead acid batteries or liquids.

Residential requests for call back or returns by solid waste personnel to empty containers which had cars parked too close to a container; were not at curbside and in street by 6:00 a.m.; were packed in such a way that refuse would not exit the container when tipped; or to pick up additional refuse will be charged a call back fee.

MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE RATES

	Monthly Rate	Residential Call Back
Basic Refuse Service	\$17.50	\$12.00
Refuse – No Yard Waste	16.65	12.00
Recycling – Optional Additional Fee	5.70 <u>6.60</u>	12.00
Additional Refuse Container Fee	8.15	N/A
Additional Yard Waste or Recycling Container	2.00	N/A

All residential services will receive one gray container for household waste and one green container for yard waste identified by their color. The household (gray) container will be picked up weekly on the designated collection day. The yard waste (green) container will be collected every other week throughout the year except during extended freezing periods.

Yard waste (green) containers shall only contain vegetation material such as grass clippings and plant trimmings including woody material less than 12 inches in diameter. Dirt, construction and demolition debris, packaging or bags, tree branches of more than 12 inches in diameter, or rubble is not allowed in the yard waste containers. Failure to use this container as described will result in no service to the can with follow up communication on the reason/corrective action needed. If the practice continues, it could lead to additional charges being applied and/or termination of yard waste service.

A residence may be considered exempt from having a yard waste container and fee if all landscape space is commonly owned, such as is found at condominiums with a homeowners' association. Residences meeting this criterion will only be billed the "Refuse – No Yard Waste" fee once they have contacted the director and the exemption has been verified.

Recycling collection service will be available to all Richland residential customers upon request. If requested, a blue recycling container will be delivered to the customer and recycling will be collected on an every-other-week basis on the designated collection day. Allowed recycled materials are cardboard, plastic, newspaper, aluminum and tin. No glass is allowed in the recycling containers. Repeated failure to use this container as described could result in termination of service.

Extra curbside garbage service is available upon request. Extra waste shall be bagged or bundled as described in RMC 15.08.140 and placed at the curb on the customer’s normal collection day. A charge of \$3.00 will be applied for each additional garbage can load.

B. Occupied Residences. A residence shall be considered occupied until the owner or his authorized agent notifies the city’s utility billing department that the unit is vacant. Vacancy status starts the date the owner gives proper notice or at a date specified in the future by the owner. A residence is considered occupied until it no longer contains personal property. Upon notification to the city, the account can be placed in abeyance for a fee of \$20.00, which will suspend the monthly refuse charge until notification of occupancy is received by utility billing.

C. Condominiums and townhouse occupants are considered residential customers and billed accordingly. If space is not available for individual containers, the director will identify a container storage location and container size that will accommodate the occupants. Billing of shared refuse containers will be to the homeowners’ association account or similar shared user account.

D. All multifamily housing units will have commercial containers appropriately sized for the refuse demand placed at the housing complexes and refuse services will be billed to the landlord/owner account. If shared container service is not practical, the landlord/owner account will be charged the individual service rate per this code and individual residential containers provided.

E. Drop box container service rates are indicated in the following schedule. Drop box container services will be considered temporary for the first two months of service and charged per day rent charges accordingly. After two consecutive months of service, users will be considered permanent. Disposal fees are subject to a one-ton minimum.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMERCIAL CONTAINER RATES
DROP BOX CONTAINER SERVICE**

Year in Effect	Container Type/Descriptor	Hauling Fee	Disposal Charge per Ton	Per Day Rent Charge	Delivery Charge
Rate	Drop Box – Permanent	\$150.00	\$48.00	N/A	\$45.00
	Drop Box – Temporary	150.00	48.00	\$5.00	45.00

* Monthly Minimum Fee – Drop box containers that are not picked up at least monthly will be charged a minimum fee consisting of: one hauling fee, a one-ton disposal charge, and per day rent charges.

All drop box containers that are overloaded, blocked or not ready to haul when the scheduled service arrives will be charged \$45.00 for the additional service attempt.

F. Commercial. With the exception of large accounts covered by special contract, the refuse charge for commercial accounts will be at the rates indicated in the following schedules.

In the Uptown and Parkway shopping centers, the commercial refuse charge will be billed according to the table below for the classification of business occupying the parcel/rental space. The owner of record per the Benton County auditor's office will be billed when multiple tenants occupy one parcel. On parcels with one tenant, refuse will be billed to the active utility account for that tenant. When these parcels are vacant, the utility charges will revert to the owner/landlord account. Abeyance is not allowed for vacant status due to the container being shared and still needing service on a regular basis. Review and adjustment of charges will be available annually to keep the customer accounts current with the classification of businesses in each space.

Classification	Service Type	Rate
Office/Service	100 gallon	\$19.60
Small Retail	1 yard	54.10
Medium Retail	2 yard – Twice a week	165.65
Large Retail	6 yard	192.75
Small Restaurant	2 yard	82.80
Medium Restaurant	2 yard – Twice a week	165.65
Large Restaurant	8 yard	290.00

Commercial customers who prohibit access for scheduled container pickup shall be charged a call back charge. Examples of prohibited access include, but are not limited to, cars parked too close to a container, locked refuse enclosures, or cars blocking container enclosures.

Commercial customers who overload the provided refuse container will be charged a \$15.00 per yard charge for the extra refuse. Repeated incidents of this situation will subject the customer to a review of their service by the director and a possible requirement to increase container size or collection frequency.

COMMERCIAL COLLECTION RATES

Container Size	Collection Frequency per Week					Unscheduled Pickup	Commercial Call Back	Container Size Change Fee
	1X	2X	3X	4X	5X			
100 gallon	\$19.60	\$39.20	\$58.85	\$78.45	\$98.05	\$18.85	\$26.00	\$50.00
1 yard – 300 gallon	54.10	108.10	162.15	216.05	270.15	50.90	26.00	50.00
2 yard	82.80	165.65	248.45	331.25	414.05	50.90	26.00	50.00
4 yard	145.00	290.00	435.00	579.90	724.90	48.10	26.00	50.00
5 yard	168.80	337.70	506.60	675.40	844.25	58.30	26.00	50.00
6 yard	192.75	385.50	578.15	770.85	963.55	68.35	26.00	50.00
8 yard	221.75	443.50	665.25	887.00	1,108.75	88.40	26.00	50.00
Commercial cardboard recycling	40.30 <u>51.80</u>	80.55 <u>103.50</u>	120.80 <u>189.70</u>	160.95 <u>206.80</u>	201.25 <u>316.00</u>	24.35	26.00	50.00

* Compacted front and rear loader refuse will be charged at two times (double) the uncompacted rate.

G. Commercial recycling is an optional service. The recycling container allows for a mix of recyclable materials in one 96- or 300-gallon container. The allowed recyclables include cardboard, plastic, newspaper, aluminum and tin. No glass is allowed in the recycling containers. Failure to use this container as described will result in an additional refuse container fee added to the utility bill. Call back fees apply for any recycling containers that are not accessible on the scheduled pickup day.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING RATES

Container Size	EOW* Service	Weekly Service	Unscheduled Pickup
96 Gallon	\$5.70 <u>\$6.60</u>		
300 Gallon	13.90 <u>16.10</u>		
96 and 300 Gallon – Call Back	12.00		
4 Yard		\$116.45 <u>\$135.20</u>	\$26.90
6 Yard		148.10 <u>172.00</u>	34.20
8 Yard		179.75 <u>208.70</u>	41.50

* EOW = Every Other Week – frequency container is picked up.

H. Disposal of residential waste at the Richland landfill will be subject to the following rates:

SELF-HAUL TO RICHLAND LANDFILL – RESIDENTIAL

Customer	Load Size	Rate	Description/Qualifiers
Richland Resident	Up to 1,200 lbs. Over 1,200 lbs.	\$10.00 See Commercial Rate	Ordinary residential waste including, but not limited to, construction and demolition waste and extra refuse.
Richland Resident	All	\$0.00	Clean yard waste.
Non-Richland Resident	Up to 1,200 lbs. Over 1,200 lbs.	\$25.00 See Commercial Rate	Ordinary residential waste including, but not limited to, construction and demolition waste and extra refuse.
Non-Richland Resident	Up to 1,200 lbs.	\$15.00	Clean yard waste.
Appliances Containing CFCs – Benton County Residents Only	Per appliance	\$46.00 each	Appliances containing chlorofluorocarbons, including, but not limited to, refrigerators and air conditioning units.
White Goods – Benton County Residents Only	Per appliance	\$7.00 each	Appliances including, but not limited to, stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, and hot water tanks.
Dead Animals – Benton County Residents Only	Small animals Large animals	\$75.00 or \$150.00 each	Small animals – dogs, cats, etc., generally less than 100 lbs. Large animals – horses, cattle, etc., approximately 100 lbs. or more.

I. Depositors of commercial loads at the Richland landfill will be charged at rates in accordance with the following schedule:

SELF-HAUL TO RICHLAND LANDFILL – COMMERCIAL

Customer	Load Size	Rate	Description/Qualifiers
Richland Commercial	Up to 1,200 lbs.	\$30.00 per load	Garbage, refuse, rubbish and construction remodel demolition waste.
Non-Richland Commercial	Up to 1,200 lbs.	54.25 per load	

SELF-HAUL TO RICHLAND LANDFILL – COMMERCIAL

Customer	Load Size	Rate	Description/Qualifiers
Richland Commercial	Over 1,200 lbs.	51.10 per ton	
Non-Richland Commercial	Over 1,200 lbs.	76.15 per ton	
Richland Commercial	Per ton	25.00	Commercial disposal of concrete, asphalt, rock or dirt.
Non-Richland Commercial	Per ton	49.00	
Richland Commercial	Per ton	25.00	Clean yard waste.
Non-Richland Commercial	Per ton	40.00	
Richland Commercial	Per ton	0.00	Chipped yard waste. This is limited to organic material chipped to a maximum dimension of three inches using a chipper machine in a commercial operation.
Non-Richland Commercial	Per ton	0.00	
Tires Only	Car tires	4.00 each	Disposal of tires. The same charge applies to all customers.
	Truck tires	9.00 each	
	Heavy equipment	125.00 per ton \$30.00 minimum	
Tires with Rims	Car tires	7.00 each	
	Truck tires	12.00 each	
	Heavy equipment	125.00 per ton \$30.00 minimum	
Petroleum Contaminated Soil	Per ton	103.00	Disposal of soil that has been contaminated by gas, diesel or other petroleum products.
Nonfriable Asbestos	Per ton	103.00	Asbestos deemed nonfriable with required certification.

J. Special Contracts. The city manager, upon approval by council, shall have the authority to enter into contracts with persons who have large volumes or special requirements for collection or disposal of refuse. The price for such special service shall be in an amount sufficient to fully cover the cost to the city for providing such service.

K. All users of the disposal site will receive a receipt for their charges. Requests for production of the signed receipts or scale tickets will be subject to an administrative fee.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland. Billing rate changes shall apply to services rendered after the effective date and billed in the first utility bill of February, 2019.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 2nd day of January, 2019.


ROBERT J. THOMPSON
Mayor

ATTEST:


MARCIA HOPKINS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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