



ORDINANCE NO. 28623

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste services, amending Chapter 12.09 of the
2 Tacoma Municipal Code by adding a surcharge to offset increased costs
3 of disposal of recyclable materials; providing for review of this surcharge;
4 adding a surcharge to offset increased costs of recycling education
programming; providing for the sunset of this surcharge; and establishing
an effective date.

5 WHEREAS the City's Solid Waste Utility provides for the collection of
6 residential recyclable materials as a waste reduction measure by collection and
7 disposing of recyclable material to be transformed into usable or marketable
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10 WHEREAS market conditions related to disposal of recyclable materials
11 have resulted, for the foreseeable future, in increased processing and shipping
12 costs, together with a significant decline in revenues derived from the disposal of
13 recyclable material, and
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15 WHEREAS, in response to such market conditions, solid waste operators in
16 Pierce and King County have increased rates for collection of residential recyclable
17 material to offset these additional costs, and
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19 WHEREAS the Solid Waste Management Division of the Environmental
20 Services Department ("ES Department") developed four proposals to address the
21 impact of the current market conditions upon the City's recycling program, and
22 sought feedback from the community through community engagement, including
23 focus groups, media coverage, social media, distribution of information through
24 community partnerships, community events, Neighborhood Council meetings, and
25 a multi-lingual community survey, and
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WHEREAS, as a result of this feedback, the ES Department made its recommendation for the program in its presentations to the City Council at the Study Sessions of June 11, 2019, and August 13, 2019, and

WHEREAS the recommendation includes establishment of a surcharge to offset the increased processing and shipping costs resulting from current and foreseeable market conditions, to be reviewed on or before the end of the 2022 biennium, together with a surcharge to offset increased recycling education programming, to sunset at the end of 2023; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Section 12.09.110 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) is hereby amended by the addition of new Subsection 6 to TMC 12.09.110.A, as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 2. That the City Council will review the surcharge rate set forth in TMC 12.09.110.A.6.a on or before December 31, 2022, to determine if any material changes have occurred in market conditions that resulted in the increased processing and shipping costs being offset by the surcharge, and if so, whether an adjustment to the surcharge is reasonable and appropriate.

Section 3. That the surcharge rate set forth in TMC 12.09.110.A.6.b, for recycling education programming, shall sunset, and no longer be in force or effect, at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2023.



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Section 4. That this ordinance shall be effective at 12:00 a.m. on the
1st day of January, 2020.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

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**CHAPTER 12.09
SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, AND HAZARDOUS WASTE**

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12.09.110 Residential automated and semi-automated services.

A. Minimum Monthly Service.

	Effective Years	
	2019	2020
Once every other week pick-up 30-gallon (supplied by City)	\$22.79	\$23.69

1. Collection personnel shall not be required to negotiate steep ramps or stairs or remove 30-, 45-, 60-, and 90-gallon containers from storage bins in the performance of their duties. Where 30-, 45-, 60-, and 90-gallon residential containers are accessible on ground level in the location designated by Solid Waste Management on the street or alley, within five feet of the curb, street, or alley where a Solid Waste Management collection vehicle can stop legally for collection and loading, the rate shall be:

2019 RATES EVERY OTHER WEEK PICKUP RESIDENTIAL BARRELS				
Residential Category	Monthly Rate	Additional Charge for Overload	Each Reload	Each additional yard waste container (after initial two)
Regular Service				
30 gallon	\$22.79	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
45 gallon	\$34.18	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
60 gallon	\$45.58	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
90 gallon	\$68.37	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
2-60 gallon	\$91.14	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
60 + 90 gallon	\$113.94	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
2-90 gallon	\$136.75	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00

2020 RATES EVERY OTHER WEEK PICKUP RESIDENTIAL BARRELS				
Residential Category	Monthly Rate	Additional Charge for Overload	Each Reload	Each additional yard waste container (after initial two)
Regular Service				
30 gallon	\$23.69	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
45 gallon	\$35.53	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
60 gallon	\$47.38	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
90 gallon	\$71.06	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
2-60 gallon	\$94.73	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00



60 + 90 gallon	\$118.42	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
2-90 gallon	\$142.13	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00

2. Where residential containers and extra containers are accessible on ground level, but farther than five feet from the curb, street, or alley where a Solid Waste Management collection vehicle can stop legally for collection and loading, the following additional carry service charges, measured along the route taken for collection, shall apply to each container:

	Garbage	Recycle & Yard Waste
Over 5 feet to 25 feet	\$4.45 per month	\$4.45 per month
Each additional 25 feet or portion thereof	\$5.55 per month	\$5.55 per month

Carry distances shall be measured along the route necessarily taken for collection.

The above rates apply to each and every can or container collected and loaded from a specific premises

3. An additional charge of \$5.55 per garbage, recycle, and yard waste container per month shall be added when containers are not reasonably accessible, regardless of carrying distance.

4. Residential 300-gallon containers shall initially be placed in position by Solid Waste Management to facilitate the collection operation. Once so placed into service, the containers shall not be removed or relocated by the customer. Each customer sharing a 300-gallon container shall pay a rate commensurate with the services received as determined by Solid Waste Management.

5. There will be no charge for initial delivery or change of containers supplied by Solid Waste Management for new customers. In addition, there will be no charge for delivery or change of containers for existing customers once per premise, per year. Additional deliveries of containers and changes in service due to customer request after the first delivery or change in any calendar year to a premise will be billed at \$30.00 per delivery. Replacement of containers damaged by the normal collection process are not subject to the \$30.00 container delivery or exchange fee.

6. a. A surcharge of \$2.32 per residential account per month shall be added to offset system program cost increases for processing and shipping for recyclable materials resulting from market conditions.

b. A surcharge of \$.50 per residential account per month shall be added to offset system program costs of increased recycling education programming made necessary as a result of market conditions.

B. If a residential automated collection container is not in place by 7:00 a.m. or is otherwise inaccessible the day of the regularly scheduled pickup and the customer requests that the collection vehicle return to the premises to collect the contents of the container, a return trip charge of \$10.00 may be assessed to the customer. Such charge shall be applied on a per-trip basis without consideration of the size or number of containers collected from the customer. For each additional nonscheduled pickup requested by the customer, a return fee of \$10.00 plus additional container fee may be assessed.

C. Any residential customer in possession of any City-owned container shall pay the cost of repair or replacement of any damaged container, if it is the determination of Solid Waste Management that such damage is the result of the negligence or abuse by the customer. The charge shall be the actual cost of repair or replacement as determined by the City and shall be added to the customer's utility bill.

D. No dwelling unit of a multi-family dwelling (triplex or larger) may receive individual residential solid waste service unless the subject unit is directly billed by the City for payment of all other public utilities servicing that unit, including electricity, water, surface water, and wastewater.

E. Upon approval by Solid Waste Management, residential collection service may be stopped during temporary vacancy of the premises no more than twice per calendar year. Service shall not be discontinued for a period of less than two weeks. A charge of \$15.00 shall be added to the utility bill for each approved temporary stop-service order. Service shall resume no later than the date specified by the customer in the stop order. An alternative mailing address must be provided if requested by Solid Waste Management.



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F. Use of an enclosure built for a container is subject to prior approval by Solid Waste Management and may be revoked upon inspection if not built as per originally approved.

G. Recycling or yard waste containers contaminated with garbage may be dumped as solid waste. When they are, the customer will be charged the "Each Additional Reload" fee identified in the rate table for that class and frequency of service. Recycling containers that are repeatedly contaminated with garbage may be removed at the discretion of Solid Waste Management. A \$30.00 service charge will be assessed for redelivery of each container.

H. Overload charges may be charged when the condition of the container meets the definition of "Overloaded" in TMC 12.09.030. Extra bags of garbage will be charged the "Applicable Charge for Overload." If the overload condition, or number of extra bags requires the driver to reload and re-dump the container, the customer will be charged the "Each Reload" fee identified in the rate table for that class and frequency of service.

I. City of Tacoma solid waste ratepayers living in a single-family home or duplex may request two "Call-2 Haul" service appointments per year. No more than three large items, consisting of appliances, furniture, or items of a similar size and weight, and 15 bags or boxes of unusable household items will be picked up by Solid Waste Management at each Call-2 Haul service appointment. No additional charge to the ratepayer will be made for this service. A charge of \$10.00 will be assessed for late cancellations or if items are not set out by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled date.