

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CITY SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATE INCREASES

FOR QUESTIONS VISIT:

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In 1996, California voters approved Proposition 218 which requires a specific process for cities to impose or increase certain types of rate increases. The proposed solid waste service rate increases must be in compliance with Proposition 218. Holding a Public Hearing is an essential element of Proposition 218 compliance.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs, California, will hold an in person public hearing on Tuesday, **May 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall 11710 East Telegraph Road, to consider adopting a proposed rate increase to the City's Residential and Commercial/Industrial solid waste disposal, Recycling, and Organics Recycling service rates.

You may also attend the City Council meeting telephonically or electronically using the following means:

Electronically using Zoom: Go to Zoom.us and click on "Join A Meeting" or use the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/521620472?pwd=U3cyK1RuKzY1ekVGZFdKQXNZVzh4Zz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 521620472

Password: 659847

Telephonically: Dial: 888-475-4499

Meeting ID: 521620472

Proposed Two-Year Rate Increases

The City's three (3) authorized franchised waste haulers, Consolidated Disposal Services, CR&R Waste and Recycling and Serv-Wel Disposal Company, have requested rate increases on certain solid waste service rates to account for their additional costs to comply with new California laws, including SB 1383, mandating recycling of organic waste, which took effect as of January 1, 2022. The amount of the proposed rate increases have been calculated based on inflation and the costs associated with adding new mandatory programs. Due to increasing State and Federal regulatory requirements, this has caused the cost of operating to steadily rise.

Proposed 2-Year Rate Adjustment

The City's solid waste franchise agreements provide for annual rate increases for Residential collection, with the first year increase effective on July 1, 2022, and the second increase effective July 1, 2023. Commercial/Industrial rate increases will be effective July 1, 2022, with the second rate increase effective January 1, 2023. These rate increases would be applicable to all residential and commercial/industrial refuse services, as well as roll-off service. If this rate increase is approved, the Franchised Haulers are required to provide notice of increased rates at least 30 days prior to each increase taking effect.

The City's solid waste franchise agreements also provides for annual solid waste disposal rate increases based on the Los Angeles-Long Beach Anaheim Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers. Commercial/industrial rate increases are based on changes in the CPI from October of the previous year to October of the current year. The commercial/industrial rate increases take effect January 1 of each year. Residential rate increases are based on changes in the CPI from March of the previous year to March of the current year. The residential rate increases take effect July 1st of every year

Written Protests

Any record owner of a parcel upon which the rate increases are proposed for imposition and any tenant liable for the payment of Solid Waste Service Fees (i.e., a customer of record) may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases; provided, however, only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must: (1) include the protestor's signature; (2) state that the identified property owner or tenant opposes the proposed rate increase; (3) provide the location of the identified parcel (by street address or assessor's parcel number); and (4) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 11710 East Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670, or at the Public Hearing (date and time noted above), provided they are received prior to the close of the Public Hearing, which will occur when the public testimony on the proposed increases is concluded. Any written protest received following the close of the public hearing will not be counted.

At the Public Hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all protests to the proposed increase to Residential and Commercial/ Industrial solid waste disposal, Recycling, and Organics Recycling Service rates. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the rate increases as described in this notice. Protests submitted by email or other electronic means do not count as formal written protests; oral comments do not qualify as a formal protest unless accompanied by a written protest. If written protests against the rate increases as outlined above are not presented by a majority of property owners (50% plus 1) of the identified parcels and tenants upon which the Solid Waste Service Rates increase are proposed to be imposed, the City Council will be authorized to impose the respective rate increases.

If you wish to legally challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For information regarding submitting written protests, you may contact the City Clerk at (562) 868-0511 or by email, cityclerk@santafesprings.org. For information regarding the proposed rate increases, contact the Municipal Affairs Manager at (562) 868-0511 or by email, maribelgarcia@cityofsantafesprings.org.