



## Memorandum

**Date:** 8/9/2022

**Meeting of:** Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications

**File No.** CM 22-504

**Type:** Committee Memo

**TO:** Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Public Works	Micah Bonkowski	Program Administrator
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**TITLE:**

Staff Report on the King County Solid Waste Rate Restructure

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD or County) is changing the rate structure for the disposal of municipal solid waste at the County landfill. This presentation from King County Solid Waste will discuss the rate restructure, and its impacts.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, King County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement, ESAP
- **Required:**  
N/A
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
Currently, most of KCSWD revenue is derived from its per-ton fee for waste disposed of at County facilities. As the County implements its aggressive waste reduction programs (RE+), revenues will be reduced significantly. As a result, the County has restructured the rate to include a fixed annual charge and a reduced basic per ton fee. This restructure is intended to collect the same revenue as the status quo, but in a more stable way without shifting costs between cities. However, this will require cities and waste haulers to update the disposal

component terms in their collection contracts. To ensure an efficient and cost-effective transition across the 39 cities in King County, the County is supporting the development of standard language for each hauler which can be used by all cities who contract with that hauler.

**OUTCOMES:**

This staff report is for the King County Solid Waste Division to present to the Council the reasons behind the restructuring of the rates for solid waste disposal, as well as the impacts of the new rate structure. This information is being provided in advance of a proposal asking Council to approve an amendment to the Solid Waste Contract with Waste Management that will enable the hauler to accommodate the new rate structure in customer bills.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:****Total Cost:**

\$0

**Approved in current biennial budget:**☐ Yes☐ No☒ N/A**Budget Offer Number:**

N/A

**Budget Priority:**

Healthy and Sustainable

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**☐ Yes☐ No☒ N/A***If yes, explain:***

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

N/A

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

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**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
8/9/2022	Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications	Receive Information
9/6/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information

**Time Constraints:**

N/A

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Rate Restructure Overview Presentation