



**Notice of Intent to Increase  
Solid Waste Collection Rates  
in the CSA-8,  
North Fair Oaks Area  
for Fiscal Year 2007/08  
and 2008/09.**

A public hearing on this matter will be held on July 10th 2007, at 9:15am, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. Any property owner, may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed two-year, two-step increase to garbage collection service fees in the North Fair Oaks Area. Although the Board of Supervisors will consider all input, State law provides that only written protests from property owners may be counted to determine whether a majority protest to the proposed increase exists.

**EXHIBIT "B"**

Rates in County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks) for Solid Waste Collection Service provided by Allied Waste Services

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008**

Monthly Rates for Solid Waste Collection Service to Residential Properties  
Minimum Service\*  
\$20.93 per pick-up unit

\*The San Mateo County Ordinance Code defines minimum service as one Unit of Pickup per dwelling unit for single-family residences to four-pluxes and 3/4 Unit of Pickup per dwelling unit for residential properties with more than four dwelling units. The Code defines a Unit of Pickup as one (1) trash receptacle not exceeding 32 gallons in size located in the back yard, or two (2) such receptacles when located at curbside or within fifteen feet of roadway pavement. The cost of minimum service is billed to owners of residential property on the tax bill and collected with the property tax.

Monthly Service in Excess of the Minimum Service  
Each additional 32 gallons: \$20.93 per pick-up unit

Monthly Rates for Solid Waste Collection Service to Mixed Residential, Industrial and Commercial Properties

Service Frequency Per Week	BIN SERVICE						
	1 Cubic Yard	2 Cubic Yards	3 Cubic Yards	4 Cubic Yards	6 Cubic Yards	8 Cubic Yards	
1 time	90.72	176.84	265.25	353.68	530.52	707.35	
2 times	176.84	353.68	530.52	795.77	1,061.04	1,434.71	
3 times	265.25	530.52	795.77	1,061.04	1,591.56	2,122.08	
4 times	353.68	707.35	1,061.04	1,434.71	2,122.08	2,829.46	
5 times	442.10	884.20	1,326.29	1,768.40	2,652.60	3,536.79	
6 times	530.52	1,061.04	1,591.56	2,122.08	3,183.11	4,244.14	
7 times	618.94	1,237.87	1,856.82	2,475.75	3,713.62	4,931.52	

CAN SERVICE  
Each can 32 gallons or less: \$20.93  
Each can 64 gallons or less: \$41.87  
Each can 96 gallons or less: \$62.80

**EXHIBIT "A"**

Rates in County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks) for Solid Waste Collection Service provided by Allied Waste Services

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007**

Monthly Rates for Solid Waste Collection Service to Residential Properties  
Minimum Service\*  
\$19.69 per pick-up unit

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	1 Cubic Yard	2 Cubic Yards	3 Cubic Yards	4 Cubic Yards	6 Cubic Yards	8 Cubic Yards	
1 time	85.34	166.36	249.53	332.72	495.08	665.43	
2 times	166.36	332.72	499.08	665.43	998.16	1,330.87	
3 times	249.53	499.08	748.61	998.16	1,497.23	1,996.31	
4 times	332.72	665.43	998.16	1,330.87	1,996.31	2,661.75	
5 times	415.90	831.80	1,247.69	1,663.59	2,495.39	3,327.18	
6 times	499.08	999.04	1,497.23	1,996.31	2,994.46	3,992.61	
7 times	582.26	1,164.51	1,746.77	2,329.02	3,493.53	4,658.06	

CAN SERVICE  
Each can 32 gallons or less: \$19.69  
Each can 64 gallons or less: \$39.39  
Each can 96 gallons or less: \$59.08

**HOW ARE GARBAGE RATES DETERMINED?**

The North Fair Oaks, County Service Area 8 (CSA-8) provides garbage and recyclables collection services to properties through a franchise agreement with Allied Waste Services (AW). The County generates the revenue to pay AW for the minimum level of service required by the County Ordinance Code by charging each affected parcel a minimum fee for garbage and recyclables collection on their tax bill. Commercial/Industrial parcels are billed directly by Allied Waste. Subscription to a minimum level of service for garbage collection service is mandatory in the North Fair Oaks area, whether it is charged on your tax bill or directly billed by Allied Waste. The minimum level of service for residential properties is two 32-gallon cans at the curb or one 32-gallon can in the back-yard, unless otherwise determined by the County Ordinance Code "Title 4, Sanitation and Health, Chapter 4.04 Garbage Collection and Disposal.

Each year, the South Bay Side Waste Management Authority (SBWMA), who is the agency responsible for monitoring the franchise Agreement with AW, retains a financial consultant to review and analyze the cost of providing garbage and recyclables collection service in each of the twelve jurisdictions that are members of the SBWMA. The County's North Fair Oaks area (CSA-8) is a member of the SBWMA. The results of this year's rate review for the North Fair Oaks area (CSA-8) indicates a projected revenue shortfall in future years under the current rate structure because of increases in fuel costs, wages, labor benefits, and a decrease in disposal tonnage at Allied Waste. To make-up the revenue shortfall, it is necessary to increase garbage and recyclables collection rates.

**PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

These following rate increases are recommended by the consultant's report to cover the projected revenue shortfalls in the North Fair Oaks area (CSA-8). The current residential rate of \$18.05 per month for two 32-gallon cans at the curb or one 32-gallon can in the back-yard will be increased by 9.1%, setting the rate for this service at \$19.69 per month for fiscal year 2007/2008. In the subsequent year, 2008/2009, the rates will increase by 6.3% setting the rate for this service at \$20.93 per month for the minimum level of service. Commercial rates are affected in the same manner. Beginning July 1, 2007, a 9.1% increase is recommended for fiscal year 2007/2008 and on January 1, 2008, an additional 6.3% increase to rates is recommended. Refer to Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" for a summary of the rate adjustments.

**WHAT DO YOUR GARBAGE RATES PAY FOR?**

- Solid waste collection services provided in the North Fair Oaks area covers costs for:*
- Residential and commercial garbage collection,
  - Curbside recycling and green waste collection,
  - "On call" bulky waste collection for residents; two times per calendar year,
  - Christmas Tree recycling collection,
  - Food waste recycling for commercial customers,
  - Electronic waste collection,
  - Public cans on Middlefield Road, 5th Avenue and two local parks,
  - Landfill fees, and all County programs connected with solid waste management and regulatory compliance for the area.

**RESOURCES FOR NORTH FAIR OAKS**

County Recycling Coordinator, (650) 599-1498  
 Allied Waste, (650) 592-2411  
 Garbage charges on tax bill, (650) 599-1447  
 Code Enforcement, (650) 363-4325  
 Environmental Health, (650) 599-1112

**HOW DO THE FAIR OAKS RATES COMPARE WITH OTHER NEIGHBORING CITIES?**

Jurisdiction	CURRENT RATE Cost Per Month	PROPOSED 2007 RATE Cost Per Month	Percent Increase
Burlingame	\$25.84	\$26.82	3.8%
San Mateo	24.36	27.13	11.4%
Hillsborough	46.46	59.90	28.9%
Belmont	41.58	45.08	8.4%
San Carlos	32.07	35.05	9.3%
Redwood City	33.90 (2-40 gal cans)	38.45	13.4%
Menlo Park	22.71	24.41	7.5%
West Bay Sanitary District	33.46	47.00	40.5%
North Fair Oaks	\$18.05	\$19.69	9.1%

*Source: Hilson Farms/GE Huber, LLC Report: Review of Allied-San Mateo's Refuse, Recyclable, and Plant Materials Collection Rate Application for 2007, January 17, 2007.*

While the base rates for required garbage and recyclables collection services compare favorably to other local jurisdictions, we understand that increased costs are a concern to property owners, especially for those on fixed incomes. The State of California has two programs available to persons of limited income who are 62 years old or older, blind, or disabled, and who are United States citizens or eligible aliens to help them with these added costs.

Information on the Property Tax Assistance Program may be obtained by contacting the Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-868-4171 or at the internet website <http://www.ftb.ca.gov> and information on the Property Tax Postponement Program may be obtained from the State Controller's Office at 1-800-952-5661 or at the internet website <http://www.sco.ca.gov>.

**HOW DO I PROTEST THE RATE INCREASE?**

A property owner may file a written protest, in a sealed envelope via mail, or hand delivery to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The protest must be received by the beginning of the hearing on July 10th at 9:15am at the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors meeting, 400 County Center, Redwood City, 94063. If, at the conclusion of the public hearing, a majority protest of property owners does not exist, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the proposed garbage rates. The Clerk of the Board must receive a written protest not later than the beginning of the public hearing, specified above, to be counted. The written protest must include the owner's name, property service address, assessor's parcel number, and the owner's signature. Property owners receiving this notice will find their assessor's parcel number on the mailing label. Not more than one protest per parcel may be submitted and counted.

Additional information about these proposed rate increases or rate schedule may be obtained by calling Lillian Clark or Joe LaMarina at the Department of Public Works at (650) 363-4100, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.