



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In Connection with Proposed Increases to
RATES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND REFUSE SERVICE FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Shafter ("City") will hold a **Public Hearing** on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chamber, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA 93263, to consider the adoption of increases to the rates for its water, wastewater and refuse service fees to the parcel for which you are shown as the record owner or customer of record. The City rates proposed to be imposed on your parcel are provided in this notice.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider all written protests against the rate increases to the City's water, wastewater and refuse fees proposed to be imposed on parcels within the City service area. As the record owner or customer of record of a parcel identified to be subject to the imposition of the proposed rate increases, you may submit a written protest against the proposed rate increases. Provided, however, if the identified parcel has more than one record owner and/or customer of record, only one written protest will be counted. Each protest must (1) be in writing; (2) state the specific rate increase (water, wastewater, refuse, or any combination thereof) for which the protest is being submitted in opposition; (3) provide the location of the identified parcel (by street address or assessor's parcel number); and (4) include the original signature of the record owner or customer of record submitting the protest. Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted. Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the **City Clerk, City of Shafter, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA 93263**, or in person at the public hearing, so long as they are received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk, that the enclosed letter is for the Public Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2017.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will consider adopting the proposed rate increases to the water, wastewater and refuse service fees. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If, at the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed rate increases as outlined above are not presented by a majority of the record owners or customers of record of the identified parcels upon which they are proposed to be imposed, the City Council will be authorized to impose the respective rate increases. If adopted, the rate increases for the water, wastewater and refuse service fees are proposed to be effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2017, on each July 1, thereafter, and through and including July 1, 2021.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

A public workshop will be held prior to the protest hearing described above to allow the public to have their questions answered and voices heard regarding the proposed rate increases and changes. Shafter utility customers are invited and encouraged to attend the **workshop on Thursday, May 18, 2017, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**, at the **Shafter Veterans Hall, 309 California Ave., Shafter, CA 93263**. Presentation begins at 5:15 p.m.

City of Shafter
336 Pacific Ave.
Shafter CA 93263

CURRENT AND PROPOSED REFUSE & RECYCLING RATES

MONTHLY BIN RATES – REFUSE						
SIZE	1X/Weekly	2X/Weekly	3X/Weekly	4X/Weekly	5X/Weekly	6X/Weekly
1.5 CY/300 Gallon	\$110.56	\$172.24	\$233.90	\$295.57	\$357.25	\$418.91
County Gate Fees	\$15.21	\$30.42	\$45.63	\$60.84	\$76.05	\$91.26
1.5 YD Total	\$125.77	\$202.66	\$279.53	\$356.41	\$433.30	\$510.17
3 CY	\$168.22	\$250.94	\$333.66	\$416.39	\$499.11	\$581.83
County Gate Fees	\$30.42	\$60.84	\$91.26	\$121.68	\$152.10	\$182.52
3 YD Total	\$198.64	\$311.78	\$424.92	\$538.07	\$651.21	\$764.35
*Bins of mechanically compacted waste or extreme density (>330 lbs/CY) shall be charged three times the established rate.						
**Hauler may require customer to purchase bin for extreme density or manure bins.						

ROLLOFF RATES	
Per Dump*	\$262.49
Rental Per Month**	\$222.56
Delivery	\$121.18
Per Hour Charge	\$146.23
Compactor Dump*	\$321.01
*Additional per ton gate fees apply at County landfills.	
**Monthly rental may be prorated for periods less than one month.	

SERVICE	RATE	NOTES
Account Restart Fee	\$ 28.75	
Bin Delivery Fee	\$ 57.50	Not charged on new/on-going service.
Cart Replacement	\$ 80.50	Includes delivery
Cart Redelivery Fee	\$ 28.75	
Certification (Customer Req'd)	\$ 46.00	\$/hr/employee (FAA training, Oilfield Safety training, etc.)
Commercial Off - County Maintained Road	\$ 8.05	\$/mo - Distance > 0.25 miles
	\$ 4.03	\$/mo - Every additional 0.25 mile
Gravity Bin Service Fee	\$ 8.45	\$/mo, no installation fee
Individually Scheduled Bin Service	\$ 41.40	\$/pick-up
Extra Cart Service	\$ 23.00	\$/pick-up (may apply to contaminated cart)
Individually Dispatched Bin Service	\$ 86.25	\$/pick-up
Manually Rolling Bins	\$ 8.05	\$/month/20'
Packer Truck Rental	\$178.25	\$/hour
Residential Off-County Maintained Road	\$ 0.75	\$/pick-up
Residential Walk-in Service	\$ 3.74	\$/pick-up

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The City bills customers the applicable rates for all services provided by the haulers by placing them on property tax rolls for collection annually as an assessment. Not later than June 30th of each year, the amount of the levy for annual assessments shall be established by resolution or ordinance of the City Council.

The first consideration for an annual increase will take place for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017. The haulers shall make each request within 30 calendar days following the County of Kern's ("County") approval of any updates and shall submit detailed information with each request to substantiate its claimed cost increases. The City may grant the adjustment if it finds that haulers' costs have increased by the amount indicated, and that the haulers are in compliance with every term of their agreements. A grant of a rate adjustment shall be by resolution or ordinance following a public hearing concerning the proposed increase. No adjustment granted by the City shall exceed five percent (5%). In the event of that the County of Kern modifies or ceases to use its rate methodology for the unincorporated areas of the County, the City may consider and review rate adjustments subject to the same County methodology.

Through their agreements, the haulers pay the City a franchise fee of fifteen percent (15%) of their gross revenues from all operations in their service areas, exclusive of payments received by the haulers for the sale of recyclable material, organic waste or greenwaste and revenue received from the disposal of refuse. Gross revenues shall be defined to include all revenues received by the haulers minus pass-through costs incurred at disposal or processing facilities used or directed to be used. The City may adjust the franchise fee from time to time, provided that if the City increases the fee, the haulers may increase its rates by the amount necessary to pass through the increase for the fee.

The proposed rates for refuse, greenwaste, and mixed recycling services have been determined to be the amount necessary for franchised haulers to provide services in accordance with franchise agreements, beginning July 1, 2017.

WHOLESALE REFUSE PASS THROUGH INCREASES

As noted above, the agreements with franchise haulers provide that the maximum rates they charge may be annually adjusted, up or down, using the methodology practiced by the County of Kern for its unincorporated areas. To ensure that there are sufficient revenues to provide refuse and recycling services to our customers who are served by the franchise haulers, the City is also proposing to annually pass through to these customers any increases in the rates that the franchise haulers impose on the City (each a "Pass Through Adjustment"). Any Pass Through Adjustment will impact the rates set forth in the table above. If approved by the City Council, the City may annually implement a Pass Through Adjustment for a five-year period commencing July 1, 2018, through and including July 1, 2022. Provided, however, that (1) any increase in the rates as a result of any Pass Through Adjustment shall be based on the formula described above; (2) shall not exceed 5% per year; and (3) in no event shall such rates be increased as a result of any Pass Through Adjustment by more than the cost of providing refuse and recycling services.

MORE INFORMATION

The documents supporting the rate adjustments and increases, including the rate study prepared to calculate the rates described in this notice are available for review at the City Clerk's office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this notice, or the rates applicable to your property, please contact the City Clerk by phone at 661-746-5000 or at 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA 93263.