



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: GOVERNING BOARD

File #: 21-521

Board Meeting Date: 6/29/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Carolyn Bloede, Director, Office of Sustainability

Subject: Setting a Public Hearing to adopt the Garbage and Recyclables Collection Service Charges Report in County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks Area)

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the Governing Board of County Service Area No. 8, adopt a resolution setting Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting as the time and place for a public hearing on the filing of the Garbage and Recyclables Collection Service Charges Report for County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks) for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

BACKGROUND:

On October 20, 2009, this Board adopted Resolution No. 070423 which approved a franchise agreement with Recology San Mateo County (Recology) to provide services for the collection of recyclable materials, organic materials, and garbage from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2020. On June 4, 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. 076641 approving the amended and restated Recology Franchise Agreement for an additional 15-year term expiring on December 31, 2035.

On February 11, 2020, this Board adopted Resolution No. 077212 setting the garbage and collection rates for County Service Area No. 8 (CSA-8) and reaffirmed these same rates would apply and be used for calendar year 2021 when this board approved the Appropriations Transfer Request Resolution No. 078022 on February 23, 2021; the adopted rates are attached as Exhibit A for reference.

DISCUSSION:

The County generates revenue to pay Recology for service to residential dwellings in CSA-8 by charging fees based on pick-up units for each affected parcel that meets the criteria outlined in County Ordinance Code 4.04.220. These fees are defined and adopted each fiscal year in the Collection Service Charges Report (Charges Report) and placed on the County tax roll. Recology directly bills commercial and industrial customers that do not have the charges placed on the County tax roll and customers receiving additional services pursuant to the franchise agreement.

The County Ordinance Code requires this Board to hold a public hearing to consider public testimony prior to adopting the Charges Report. The recommended action, adopting a resolution setting the time and place for the public hearing, is the first step in the process and is procedural.

Adoption of the Charges Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 and its filing with the Clerk of the Board will result in the user charges contained therein being placed on the County tax roll. These charges will appear on the FY 2021-22 tax bill of each affected property and will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. The reaffirmed rates adopted by this Board on February 23, 2021 will be used to perform the calculation for the FY 2021-22 residential and multi-family dwelling charges that will appear on the property owner's tax bill. Commercial parcels and additional services provided to customers will continue to be billed separately based on the current rates by Recology.

The remaining unincorporated county areas covered by the franchise agreement are billed directly by Recology and the garbage and recyclables collection service charges are not placed on the tax bill.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action of setting a public hearing.

Staff time involved in preparing the Charges Report for CSA-8, administrative documents, and public advertisement of the hearing is part of the administrative cost associated with managing the garbage collection and recycling services in CSA-8 and is financed from franchised fees.

Attachments:

- Exhibit A, FY 2021-22 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Rates in County Service Area No. 8
- Draft Notice of Public Hearing with the County of San Mateo, Board of Supervisors for July 20, 2021