

**AFTER RECORDING, RETURN TO:**

Board of County Commissioners  
Columbia County Courthouse  
230 Strand, Room 331  
St. Helens, OR 97051

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of the Application of for an Interim )  
Fuel Surcharge Solid Waste Franchise Collection ) Order No. 76-2008  
Rate Adjustment Affecting Solid Waste Collection )  
Customers )

WHEREAS, Section 5.01(A) of the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance authorizes the Board of County Commissioners, upon its own recommendation or the recommendation of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, to approve and establish rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01(A)(4) of the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to increase or decrease rates based on the cost of doing business; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01(A)(5) of the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to establish an interim rate until the Board makes a final determination of the rate for that type of service; and

WHEREAS, Rainier Sanitary Service, a solid waste franchisee, submitted a request to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee at its August 12, 2008, meeting for the approval of a rate adjustment to add a surcharge to compensate for the recent increased fuel costs since rates were last adjusted; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the request the Solid Waste Advisory Committee determined that it was appropriate to gather additional information from other franchise haulers regarding the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Administrator gathered and analyzed information from the franchise haulers and averaged the results to arrive at a recommendation acceptable to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, in its August 22, 2008, memorandum to the Board of County Commissioners, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee unofficially recommended that the

Board approve an interim fuel surcharge consistent with the Solid Waste Administrator's analysis, pending a complete rate review to be conducted within one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners held a hearing on the proposed interim fuel surcharge; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was opened to public testimony, and no one testified either in favor or in opposition to the proposed interim fuel surcharge; and

WHEREAS, after deliberating on the proposed interim fuel surcharge, the Board of County Commissioners determined that the rate increase as proposed is not demonstrably unreasonable and is not substantially higher than rates charged generally in the County under similar service requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners finds that the proposed interim fuel surcharge is just, fair, reasonable, and sufficient to provide proper service to the public.
2. The Board adopts the interim fuel surcharge as described in the Staff Report to the Board of County Commissioners dated September 10, 2008, which is attached hereto as Attachment A and is incorporated herein by this reference.
3. All franchise haulers are authorized to charge the interim fuel surcharge as mentioned hereinabove, effective as of October 1, 2008 and until the next rate review is conducted by the County.
4. This Order shall be recorded with the County Clerk without costs.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]  
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: not present  
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By: [Signature]  
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: [Signature]  
Office of County Counsel

**BOARD COMMUNICATION**

FROM THE LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
 MEETING DATE: September 10, 2008

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**FROM:** Todd Dugdale, Director of Land Development Services

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING: SOLID WASTE PROGRAM  
 Proposed Temporary Fuel Surcharge Solid Waste Collection Rate Increase

**DATE:** September 3, 2008

**SUMMARY:**

At their August 12, 2008 meeting, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee(SWAC) heard a request from Rainier Sanitary to approve a surcharge to collection rates applicable to unincorporated collection customers to compensate for the increase in fuel costs. Inasmuch as fuel costs have increased substantially since rates were last adjusted, it was decided to gather additional information from other Franchise Haulers regarding this matter. The Solid Waste Administrator gathered and analyzed cost information from the other Franchise Haulers and averaged the results to arrive at a recommendation acceptable to the SWAC. SWAC recommends the following fuel surcharge rates to be applied to unincorporated collection customers as follows:

**Residential Collection**

Residential monthly collection rates are to increase by \$1.74.

**Commercial Solid Waste Collection:**

Commercial collection rates are to increase as follows:

Every other week:	\$3.43 per month
Once weekly service:	\$6.85 per month
Twice weekly service:	\$13.70 per month
Three times weekly service:	\$20.55 per month
Service in excess of three times per week is to be prorated based on once weekly service.	
Drop box fuel surcharge::	\$14.00 per container

This proposed fuel surcharge would be temporary and would be in effect only until a complete solid waste collection rate review can be conducted within one year.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Public Hearng Notice
2. SWAC Recommendation

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

I move to tentatively approve the recommended fuel surcharge collection rate increases.

COLUMBIA COUNTY



**DEPARTMENT OF  
LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
BUILDING DIVISION**

Columbia County Courthouse, St. Helens, Oregon 97051  
Phone: (503)397-7213 Fax: (503)397-7248

Date: August 22, 2008  
To: Board of County Commissioners  
From: Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Subject: Recommend Emergency and Interim Fuel Surcharge

At the August 12, 2008 meeting, the SWAC heard a request from Rainier Sanitary to add a surcharge to compensate for the increased in fuel costs. Inasmuch as fuel costs have increased substantially since rates were adjusted, it was decided to gather additional information from other Franchise Haulers regarding this matter. The Solid Waste Administrator gathered and analyzed cost information from the other Franchise Haulers and averaged the results to arrive at a recommendation acceptable to the SWAC.

The results of the fuel cost analysis and resulting recommendations are as follows:

Residential monthly charge is to increase by \$1.74

Commercial pickup service:

Every other week \$3.43 per month

Once weekly service \$6.85 per month

Twice weekly service \$13.70 per month

Three times weekly service \$20.55 per month

Service in excess of three times to be prorated based on once weekly service.

Drop box fuel surcharge per container \$14.00

It is further recommended that this increase be temporary and interim pending a complete rate review to be conducted within a year.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

**In the Matter of Application for an Interim )  
Fuel Surcharge Solid Waste Franchise ) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Collection Rate Adjustment Affecting ) (PUBLICATION)  
Solid Waste Collection Customers )**

1. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on September 10, 2008, at or after 10:00 a.m. in Room 308, the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the Third Floor, Columbia County Courthouse in St. Helens, Oregon.
2. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a solid waste collection rate increase consisting of an interim fuel surcharge for Solid Waste Collection Franchisees serving customers within the unincorporated portion of Columbia County. The proposed fuel surcharges to be added to current solid waste collection rates are as follows:

**Residential Collection**

Residential monthly collection rates are to increase by \$1.74.

**Commercial Solid Waste Collection:**

Commercial collection rates are to increase as follows:

Every other week:	\$3.43 per month
Once weekly service:	\$6.85 per month
Twice weekly service:	\$13.70 per month
Three times weekly service:	\$20.55 per month
Service in excess of three times per week is to be prorated based on once weekly service.	
Drop box fuel surcharge::	\$14.00 per container

**This proposed fuel surcharge would be temporary and would be in effect only until a complete solid waste collection rate review can be conducted within one year.**

3. All interested parties may appear and be heard.
4. The hearing will be held according to the procedures established in Chapter 5 the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Hyde, Chair

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