

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting a New Fee for the Disposal of
Watercraft and Recreational Vehicles and Approving FY
2021 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Rates

ORDER NO. 75-2020

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

WHEREAS, Section 5.01(A)(4) of the SWMO authorizes the Board to increase or decrease rates based on the cost of doing business; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01(B)(6) of the SWMO provides that in determining rates, the Board shall give due consideration to, among other things, a reasonable rate of return to the franchisee based upon a percentage of gross receipts under the franchise; and

WHEREAS, in April 2020, the SWAC At-Large Members and County Staff reviewed Detailed Cost Reports (DCRs) submitted by the County's two solid waste collection franchises, Waste Management and Waste Connections; and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 and resulting disruptions in the economy, neither franchise is requesting an increase in collection rates; and

WHEREAS, the SWAC is also recommending that the automatic, annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for transfer station disposal rates authorized by Board Order No. 6-2010 not be applied for FY 2021, also due to the economic effects of COVID-19 on Columbia County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the SWAC and County staff recommend that the solid waste collection and transfer station rates remain unchanged in FY 2021, except as noted below for the addition of a special handling fee; and

WHEREAS, the transfer station accepts and disposes of a variety of watercraft and recreational vehicles, which require special handling due to their size, and County staff therefore recommends adding an \$80 special handling fee for recreational vehicles and watercraft over 12 feet in length; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice, the Board held a hearing on August 12, 2020, to consider the rate and fee proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the \$80 special handling fee for recreational vehicles and watercraft over 12 feet in length is necessary to cover the costs of the waste-disposal program; and

WHEREAS, the Board also finds that an exception to the annual CPI increase is warranted due to COVID-19;

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

1. The Columbia County Transfer Station is authorized to charge a special handling fee of \$80 for the

- disposal of recreational vehicles and watercraft over 12 feet in length.
2. All other collection and disposal fees for FY 2021 shall remain the same as FY 2020.
 3. The annual automatic CPI increase for transfer station disposal rates shall not apply for FY 2021.
 4. In support of its decision, the Board adopts findings in the Board Communications dated May 6, 2020 and July 8, 2020, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and are incorporated herein by this reference.
 5. The rates and fees authorized under this Board Order shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Dated this ___ day of August, 2020.

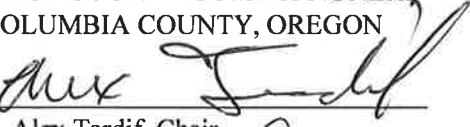
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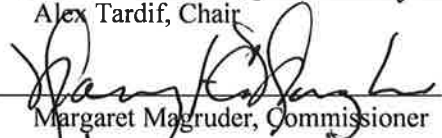
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By: _____



Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____



Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____



Henry Heimuller, Commissioner



BOARD COMMUNICATION

FROM THE DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING DATE: **July 8, 2020 Board Meeting**

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Mike Russell, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE PROGRAM
Adding special handling fee for Boat/RV/Junk vehicle disposal

SUMMARY:

The Columbia County Transfer Station accepts and disposes of a variety of watercraft, recreational vehicles (RV) and all-terrain vehicles (ATV).

The standard MSW rate of \$135.00 per ton applies to the disposal of recreational vehicles.

Due to the need for special handling of the vehicles Columbia County staff and the management team at the transfer station are requesting approval of a special handling fee of \$80 per vehicle (ATVs, motorcycles, scooters and Jet Skis excluded) to be charged at the time of payment

Attached is information for the Junk Vehicle and Boat/RV Disposal Program and the current rates for the Columbia County Transfer Station.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to accept the addition of a special handling fee of \$80 per vehicle disposed of at the Columbia County Transfer Station.



BOARD COMMUNICATION

FROM THE DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

MEETING DATE: **May 6, 2020 Board Meeting**

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Mike Russell, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE PROGRAM
FY 2021 Collection Rate Adjustments to remain at FY 2020 rates

SUMMARY:

Each year, the County reviews solid waste collection rates using a uniform Detailed Cost Report (DCR) rate review procedure. In April, Waste Management and Waste Connections, the two solid waste collection franchisees serving rural Columbia County, submitted Detailed Cost Reports (DCRs) to the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) At-Large members and Staff.

For the upcoming FY 2021, neither franchise is requesting an increase in collection rates, therefore FY 2020 rates will be the same for FY 2021.

Transfer Station disposal rates can be adjusted each year based on the prior year CPI. Due to COVID 19 and disruptions in the economy, members of the Columbia County Solid Waste Committee and Columbia County staff are recommending no increase for 2020-2021. The commercial tonnage rate will remain \$90.70 per ton and there will be no additional tipping fee increase for curbside collection.

Columbia County Public Works staff and the At Large SWAC members recommend to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners collection and transfer station rates remain at their current 2019-2020 rate.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to accept the report and recommendations from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and staff and maintain the current collection and transfer station rates at the Columbia County Transfer Station.