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Dear Mr. Merrill and Ms. Trimbur:

During their April 7, 2009 regular business meeting, our City Council adopted two ordinances concerning, respectively, a utility tax increase, and the City of Oak Harbor's Arts Commission. Ordinance 1547 amends Oak Harbor Municipal Code Section 3.71.010 entitled "Businesses subject to utility tax" to impose a quarter of one percent utility tax increase on water suppliers, sewage treatment and collection businesses, and stormwater collection and treatment businesses. The purpose of this increase is to help fund public art.

I've enclosed:

1. The agenda bill presented to Council that evening which explains the need for these ordinances.
2. Both ordinances, although Ordinance 1547 is the one affecting Island Disposal. Chapter 3.71.010 (3) of Ordinance 1547 reads:  
Solid Waste Collection. Upon every person engaged in or carrying on the business of collecting and transporting solid waste as defined in OHMC Title 15, **a tax equal to six and one quarter percent (6 ¼ %)** of the total gross income from such activities, such tax to be paid covering each month's business activities, and to be paid within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of such month.

If you could let us know the expected date of your first remittance at 6 ¼%, that would be terrific. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns. Our Finance Director, Doug Merriman will be back in the office May 29, 2009, but in his absence Wendy Nitcher, Oak Harbor's Internal Auditor, or I can be reached at the numbers/emails below.

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Sincerely,

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City Clerk

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encl: 4/7/09 Agenda Bill  
Ordinances 1547 and 1548

cc: D. Merriman  
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