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Mr. Derek Ranta, District Manager
Columbia Resource Company (CRC)
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RE: 2025 Inflationary Adjustment to the MSW and Drop Box Tip Fees

Dear Mr. Ranta,

This letter is in response to a request to document the review and preliminary approval of adjustments to disposal tip fees for the calendar year 2025. Pursuant to Section 18.3.2 of Attachment A.1 of the *Master Services Agreement* between Clark County (county), the City of Vancouver (city), and CRC, the contract specifies an annual inflationary adjustment for Tip Fees for waste disposal at the three transfer stations located in Clark County.

On September 5, 2024 CRC submitted a request to the county to adjust the disposal tip fees beginning January 1, 2025 based on factors including inflationary changes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and diesel fuel index, as well as implementation of a one-time barge transportation adjustment pursuant to Section 18.2.

County and city staff have reviewed CRC's request for the review period and determined an adjustment applies to the MSW and Drop Box tip fees including:

- implementation of a one-time \$1.60 per ton barge transportation adjustment pursuant to Section 18.2,
- an inflation adjustment factor tied to a percentage of the CPI and fuel cost changes over the past year (July through June), and
- changes in outbound Clark County tons disposed.

Staff concurs with the CRC's calculation of a net increase in the MSW Tip Fee of 4.6% (or \$5.10 per ton) from \$111.94 to \$117.04 per ton and a net increase of in the Drop Box Tip Fee of 4.7% (or \$4.71 per ton) from \$99.43 to \$104.14 per ton. Generally, these disposal tip fees are passed on to WUTC g-certificated customer garbage rates and rates set by incorporated cities that either provide municipal garbage collection or operate under contract with a collection service provider.

In 2017, Clark County Council approved an ordinance establishing a per ton County Health fee of \$1.43 to support county environmental health solid waste programs. This fee is not subject to an adjustment by CPI. The County Health Fee is applied after inflationary adjustments to the disposal tip fees as follows:



	<u>MSW</u>	<u>Drop Box</u>
2024 Disposal Tip Fee (less Health Fee)	\$110.51	\$98.00
Inflationary adjustment	\$5.10	\$4.71
County Health Fee	\$1.43	\$1.43
2025 Disposal Tip Fee (with County Health Fee)	\$117.04	\$104.14

These disposal tip fees will become effective January 1, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Joelle Loescher at 360.949.6568.

Sincerely,



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County Manager

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