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Joe Willis
Waste Control
PO Box 148
1150 Third Avenue
Longview, WA 98632

SUBJECT: Notice of Solid Waste Disposal Rate Increase Effective January 1, 2020

Dear Mr. Willis,

Please accept this written correspondence of Cowlitz County's intent to raise solid waste disposal rates effective January 1, 2020. Attached is a copy of the disposal rates schedule going into effect at that time. Rates will increase 9.39% and go from the current \$51.02 per ton to \$55.81 per ton for disposal at the Third Avenue Transfer Station.

The intent of this letter is to comply with requirements of **RCW 70.95.212 Solid Waste Collection Companies—Notice of changes in tipping fees and disposal rate schedule**. State law requires the county to provide you with a minimum of 75 days-notice before rate changes are brought into effect. This rate increase is brought about by the County's need to stay current with inflation costs experienced over the past 2 year period. The rate increase is allowed by Cowlitz County Ordinance 15.34.030.

Please feel free to contact me at (360) 274-6492 or via email at williamsr@co.cowlitz.wa.us should you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Williams".

RON WILLIAMS
Solid Waste Manager

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Enclosure

		2020 Rate ¹		
		Transfer Station		Drop Box Facility
	Item	In County	Out of County	In County only
1	Cars/garbage cans or bags (1 – 5) ²	\$55.81/ton ⁴	\$80.00/ton ⁴	\$9.64
2	Additional cans or bags	\$55.81/ton ⁴	\$80.00/ton ⁴	\$2.45/ea
3	Pickups/trailers	\$55.81/ton ⁴	\$80.00/ton ⁴	\$17.37/ea ³
4	Refuse trucks and drop boxes	\$55.81/ton ⁴	\$80.00/ton ⁴	not accepted
5	Semi-trucks/trailers	\$55.81/ton ⁴	\$80.00/ton ⁴	not accepted
6	Tires ⁶	\$131.01/ton	\$157.20/ton	not accepted
7	Appliances(with Freon) ⁷	\$20.00/ea ⁷	not accepted	not accepted
8	Hard to Handle	set by vendor	set by vendor	not accepted
9	Asbestos, Animal Carcasses, Vactor Waste	set by vendor	set by vendor	not accepted
10	Debris containing drywall ⁸	\$120.00/ton	\$145.00/ton	not accepted
11	Unsecured Load Fee	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
12	Disabled Veteran Discount ⁵	Credit up to \$14.00 per load	not applicable	Credit up to \$14.00 per load
¹ All rates subject to additional 3.6% refuse collection tax.				
² Can or bag is equivalent to a 33-gallon container.				
³ Dual wheel or tandem axle units or all units over 48 sq. ft. in bed area charged by applicable tonnage or cy rate.				
⁴ Minimum charge of \$9.65 per load.				
⁵ For non Commercial purposes only, Subject to County Procedure				
⁶ Tires on rims – additional cost each tire – \$3.00 passenger, \$10.00 truck.				
⁷ Appliances with Freon charged Freon removal fee plus disposal fee by ton.				
⁸ Incidental amounts acceptable (defined by air discharge permit).				