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Mike Davis
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Re: CRC Solid Waste Contract – 2021 CPI Adjustment

Dear Mike:

Pursuant to the Solid Waste Contract between Columbia Resource Company (CRC) and Clark County, please accept this letter as notification of our proposed adjustments for waste delivered to CRC transfer stations and some fees for the period beginning January 1, 2021.

- Per Section 12.3.1 (A), CRC may at its sole option increase the Basic Tipping Fee by 82% of the percentage point increase or decrease of the CPI. The increase can be further limited to 75% if the tonnage of Clark County waste exported for disposal grows by 3% or more over the prior year. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 exported Clark County tonnage grew by only 0.9% over the similar period from previous years. Thus the tip fee in 2021 may escalate by 82% of the CPI.

CLARK COUNTY TONNAGE - OUTBOUND

July 2018	29,498	July 2019	32,440
August 2018	31,891	August 2019	31,946
September 2018	29,271	September 2019	29,278
October 2018	29,839	October 2019	30,845
November 2018	27,564	November 2019	26,042
December 2018	24,886	December 2019	25,885
January 2019	27,669	January 2020	27,251
February 2019	23,416	February 2020	25,851
March 2019	26,772	March 2020	27,214
April 2019	29,894	April 2020	26,851
May 2019	31,565	May 2020	28,901
June 2019	<u>28,773</u>	June 2020	<u>31,739</u>
Total	341,037	Total	344,243

Change between test periods 3,206
0.9%

- The contract calls for the use of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area. Effective 2018 this index is no longer published. CRC and Clark County have agreed to change to the same index generated for the next closest municipal area – Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue. Historically these two indices have moved in similar patterns and values.



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The calculated change in the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area is an increase of 1.9082%. Accordingly the basic tipping fee could increase by 1.5647% for all municipal solid waste delivered to the transfer stations.

- In 2017 the Clark County Board of County Councilors adopted Ordinance 2017-09-10 to provide funding for solid waste services in Clark County. The fee of \$1.43 per ton will be charged to all inbound solid waste delivered to CRC for disposal.

Proposed 2021 Tipping Fees

	2020 Tip Fees	CPI	County Funding	2021 Tip Fees
Commercial Drop Boxes	\$83.52	\$1.31	\$1.43	\$86.26
Non-Drop Box	\$94.25	\$1.47	\$1.43	\$97.15

- Section 9.2.2 (B) allows for an annual adjustment of the per ton processing fee for Recyclable Materials. The adjustment is limited to 82% of the percentage point increase or decrease in CPI.

The calculated change in the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area is an increase of 1.9082%. Accordingly the basic processing fee for recyclables will increase by 1.5647% to \$36.84 per ton for Recyclable Materials.

- Section 12.10 requires an adjustment to the monthly Administrative/Regulatory Fee equal to the tip fee increase. For 2021 the fee will increase by 1.43115% to \$158,539.06 per month.

Tip fees for recyclables, yard waste and organics will be addressed in a separate request.

If you have question, please call me at (503) 884.9332.

Sincerely,

Derek Ranta
 District Manager