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SOLID WASTE DIVISION*

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May 14, 2020

Mr. Andrew Riggs  
Waste Connections, Inc. dba Island Disposal  
PO Box 990  
Coupeville, WA 98239-0990

**Subject:** Adopted Solid Waste Rate Schedule 2020-2022

Dear Andrew,

Attached is the new rate schedule for solid waste delivered to the Island County Coupeville Transfer Station for the year 2020-2022. Rates are based the completed three-year study that was completed last fall, a copy of which was provided to Waste Connections in November of 2019.

Historically, the County prepares a rate study every three years to provide a degree of financial predictability for users of the system including municipalities, businesses, and the general public.

The rate study was prepared by Dr. Lisa Skumatz of Skumatz Economic Research Associates of Superior, Colorado and Orcas Island, Washington. Study findings were presented in an advertised public meeting to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on November 8, 2019, and to the Board of Commissioners on March 11, 2020. At a public meeting held on May 12, 2020 the Board of Island County Commissioners adopted new rates through resolution. The rate schedule is attached.

Rates will go into effect at Island County facilities July 31, 2020. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Joantha Guthrie, MPA  
Assistant Public Works Director

Enc. Resolution C-43-20

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING SOLID )  
WASTE AND SEPTAGE TIPPING FEES ) RESOLUTION C- 43 -20  
FOR ISLAND COUNTY FOR THE ) SW-01-20  
YEARS 2020-2022 )

WHEREAS, a three year rate study for the Island County Solid Waste Program, prepared by Skumatz Economic Research Associates, Inc. (SERA, Inc.), projected future revenues and expenditures for 2020-2022; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2020, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee reviewed the three year rate study for the Island County Solid Waste Program 2020-2022 prepared by SERA, Inc. and recommended approval by the Board of Island County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Board of Island County Commissioners discussed the three year rate study for Island County Solid Waste Program 2020-2022 prepared by SERA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Island County Commissioners held a public meeting for public input, consideration and adoption of the Solid Waste and Septage Tipping Fees for Island County 2020-2022, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto: NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Island County that the Solid Waste and Septage Tipping Fees for the years 2020-2022 will be in effect from July 31, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

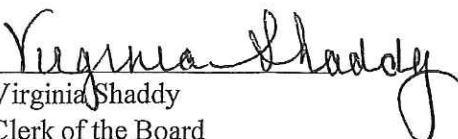
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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ATTEST:   
Virginia Shaddy  
Clerk of the Board

**Exhibit "A"**

**ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE & SEPTAGE FEES**

**RATE STRUCTURE, 2020-2022**

**NOTES:**

- 1) There is a 3.6% refuse tax (no sales tax) on Solid Waste Charges.
- 2) Fees may be rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents (\$0.25).

<b>Coupeville, Camano, Oak Harbor, Bayview Solid Waste Facilities (c, f, h) Freeland Recycle Park (d, j)</b>
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**At sites with a scale, loads are normally weighed**

First Can or Bundle of Municipal Solid Waste (b)	\$13.25
Additional Can or Bundle (b) includes 3.6% refuse tax	\$ 4.25 ea.

Segregated Recyclable Materials (d), Household Hazardous Waste, Used Motor Oil      No Charge

**Special Wastes** (a, g, i)

Appliances, each	\$22.58
Auto and light truck tires, each	\$ 7.53
(Tires over 18" are accepted & charged by weight at Coupeville & Camano only)	

<b>Coupeville &amp; Camano Transfer Stations (Note 1 &amp; 2 above and a, c, f, h)</b>
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Municipal Solid Waste	\$155.00/ton
Construction/Demo/Bulky (g)	\$164.00/ton
Oversized, Hard-to-Handle waste (a)	\$170.60/ton
Yard/Garden Debris (e)	\$ 95.00/ton
Franchise Haulers (except City of Oak Harbor) compacted route truck waste	\$147.00/ton
City of Oak Harbor (compacted route truck waste)	\$137.00/ton

The minimum for weighed materials is:      \$ 13.25

<b>Coupeville Transfer Station ONLY (Note 1 &amp; 2 above)</b>
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The minimum for weighed materials is:	\$ 13.25
Paper Shredding – ½ lg. bag (provided) Municipal Solid Waste charges apply if not recyclable	\$ 1.51

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SEPTAGE (\$/GALLON)	\$ 0.279
Special rates for Treatment plant Class A and Class B liquid	

## Exhibit "A"

### **AVAILABLE DISCOUNTS: Low income @ 150% of the Federal Low Income Guidelines**

Non-transferable, low income discount cards are available at the Opportunity Council, and Senior Centers on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Discount card and identification must be presented at each visit to a solid waste facility to receive the 50% discount. This discount is applicable to household waste similar to what would be collected by a franchise hauler at the curb from the card holder's residence only.

Disposal fees may be adjusted or waived on a case-by-case basis by the Solid Waste Manager, Public Works Director or through the Voucher Program administered by the Public Health Department. Discounts may be allowed for certain organized community clean-up by volunteers, roadside litter pickup by organized groups, certain activities by non-profit community or thrift institutions, and/or other special cases.

### **CREDIT: The general Public and most commercial accounts may use credit cards**

No credit or "charge accounts" are available except as permitted by State law and pre-authorized by the Public Works Director, Solid Waste Manager, or Solid Waste Accountant. A heavy user may leave a blank, signed check to be completed with total charges at the end of each day. Frequent heavy users may set up a pre-paid or guaranteed charge account. A 1 ½ % per month fee is charged to accounts unpaid at the end of each month. An additional fee of \$10 is added to special temporary accounts established for customers who did not have enough money to pay after dumping – if not paid in full in 5 business days. A \$40 fee is added to NSF checks.

### **EXPLANATIONS AND FOOTNOTES**

- (a) At Coupeville and Camano, items over six (6) feet may be charged at the oversized Hard to Handle rate due to special handling. Boats, trailers, and motor homes must have all appliances, metal and recyclable items removed prior to disposal. Specific questions should be phoned in prior to delivery at a facility. Special requests can often be accommodated when arranged ahead of delivery. Any loads from which appliances, tires, or Moderate Risk Waste have not been separated will be considered Hard to Handle.
- (b) Based on a standard 32-gallon container or bundle not exceeding fifty (50) pounds. Normally used at sites without a scale.
- (c) The Minimum fee Per Can, and for weighed materials is \$13.25.
- (d) "Recyclable materials" include only those materials identified as high or medium priority in the current Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan, those identified/posted at the Recycle Parks, or those identified by the solid waste staff as acceptable.
- (e) **Coupeville and Camano ONLY:** Segregated Yard Waste or "clean green" includes yard debris up to 3 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet in length, grass clippings, leaves, bush/shrub clippings and similar materials. Must be free of any plastic bags/containers, metals (large spikes, fasteners, hinges, etc.) or other contamination not otherwise detailed. Yard Waste shall be residential in origin. Commercial or municipal grass clippings and/or yard/garden debris shall be

## Exhibit "A"

accepted only upon prior approval of the Solid Waste Manager or Solid Waste Operations Supervisor. All loads are accepted at the discretion of the scale attendant.

- (f) Transfer Stations/Recycle Parks may periodically alter working hours, including holidays or in accordance with public demand.
- (g) Construction/Demolition/Bulky debris is accepted at Coupeville and Camano transfer stations only at the discretion of the station attendant. Camano transfer station should be notified in advance of large loads. Items may include furniture, non segregated wood waste, wood shingles, insulation, and other miscellaneous items that cause bridging and lighter bin weights. Construction/Demolition/Bulky debris shall not include moderate-risk or hazardous materials of any sort. Construction/Demolition/Bulky debris greater than four (4) feet in any dimension is not accepted at the Oak Harbor, Bayview, or Freeland Recycle parks.
- (h) Coupeville and Camano facilities will charge by estimated cans or weights when scales are temporarily out of order.
- (i) Fees for tires and appliances shall be charged separate from and not in addition to the tipping fee except for large tires over 18" which are charged by weight. Only minimal quantities of small appliances, tires, and/or steel may be accepted at the Oak Harbor or Bayview solid waste facilities at the discretion of the attendant or if prior arrangements have been made.
- (j) At present, Freeland is a recycling center. Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, metal, and lead are accepted. No other household or other hazardous wastes are accepted at the Freeland facility including appliances such as refrigerators/freezers, air conditioners which normally contain hazardous waste elements such as Freon.