

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING AN)
INCREASE FOR SOLID WASTE GATE)
FEES AT THE NORTH COUNTY AND)
VALLEY TRANSFER STATIONS)
[RESOLUTION NOS. 17-0205; 17-0040; 17-)
0940; AND 19-1380])

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington (“Board” or “Board of County Commissioners”) has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.58.040, any county may construct, lease, purchase, acquire, add to, alter, or extend solid waste handling systems, plants, sites, or other facilities and shall have full jurisdiction and authority to manage, regulate, maintain, utilize, operate, control, and establish the rates and charges for those solid waste handling systems, plants, sites, or facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.58.040, Spokane County established the County Regional Solid Waste System which provides, among other services/facilities, the following: (1) transfer and disposal of all solid waste collected at the County owned North County Transfer Station and Valley Transfer Station ("Transfer Stations") for all of unincorporated Spokane County as well as transfer and disposal of all solid waste collected at the Transfer Stations for incorporated municipalities in Spokane County who have executed an interlocal agreement with Spokane County to participate in the County Regional Solid Waste System; (2) ancillary services related to solid waste management as required under Chapter 70.95 RCW as well as litter control; and (3) all facilities associated with the performance of the activities addressed in (1) and (2) above; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.58.040, the Board of County Commissioners under Spokane County Resolution No. 17-0040 as modified under Spokane County Resolution No. 17-0205; Spokane County Resolution No. 17-0940; and Spokane County Resolution No. 19-1380 adopted Solid Waste Gate Fees for solid waste delivered to the North County Transfer Station and the Valley Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2020 the Spokane County Regional Solid Waste Coordinator recommended the following rate increases for solid waste received at the Transfer Stations to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC):

- 1) For calendar year 2021, increase the rate for solid waste from \$108.00 per ton to \$110.00 per ton; and increase the rate for clean green/yard waste from \$52.00 per ton to \$53.00 per ton.

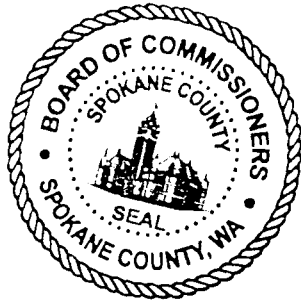
- 2) For calendar years 2021 through 2023, increase the rate per ton for solid waste and clean green/yard waste by approximately 2% each year, subject to annual review of system financial status by the SWAC; and

WHEREAS, the SWAC voted unanimously to support those recommendations; and

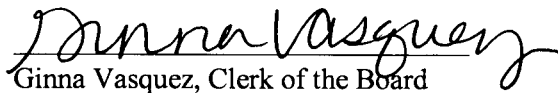
WHEREAS, the Spokane County Regional Solid Waste Coordinator has accordingly calculated specific rates for calendar year 2021 for solid waste received at the Transfer Stations as presented in Attachment "A" attached hereto, and is requesting adoption of those rates by the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6) and RCW 36.58.040 and the recommendation of the Spokane County Regional Solid Waste Coordinator, that the Board does hereby approve those gate fee increases and other language updates as set forth in Attachment "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

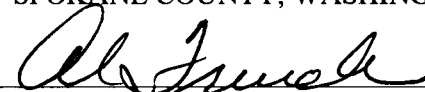
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2020.



ATTEST:


Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON


AL FRENCH, CHAIR


JOSH KERNS, VICE-CHAIR


MARY L. KUNEY, COMMISSIONER

ATTACHMENT "A"

(Underlined and highlighted language added, lined out and highlighted language deleted.)

A. DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 1) North County Transfer Station shall mean that facility located at 22123 North Elk Chattaroy Road, Colbert, WA 99005.
- 2) Valley Transfer Station shall mean that facility located at 3941 North Sullivan, Spokane Valley, WA 99216.
- 3) Solid Waste means wastes typically generated by households and businesses such as putrescible and nonputrescible solid and semisolid wastes including, but not limited to, garbage, rubbish, demolition and construction wastes.
- 4) Clean Green/Yard waste means grass, leaves, garden wastes, brush, bark, pine needles, pine cones, food scraps, food soiled paper, and other clean organic debris.

B. SPOKANE COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION RATES EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 2021:

1) GENERAL MIXED SOLID WASTE-GATE FEE

- (a) For solid waste delivered to the North County Transfer Station or Valley Transfer Station, the gate fee shall be one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) per ton, with a minimum gate fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per vehicle for 280 pounds or less.
- (b) For solid waste delivered to the North County Transfer Station or Valley Transfer Station which the Regional Solid Waste Manager or Environmental Services Director determines special handling, the gate fee shall be one hundred sixty- five dollars (\$165.00) per ton, with a minimum gate fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle for 300 pounds or less.
- (c) For any solid waste delivered to the North County Transfer Station or Valley Transfer Station from nonprofit generator accounts, the applicable gate fee shall be reduced by thirty-five percent, with a minimum gate fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per vehicle for 420 pounds or less. Provided:
 - i) The generator shall identify itself as a section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code approved nonprofit enterprise or provide similar proof of qualification to the Environmental Services Department, and
 - ii). The solid waste shall be the product of the nonprofit business activities, which include waste reduction or recycling as a major component of its operations.

(d) When authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, the Regional Solid Waste Manager or the Environmental Services Director may waive all or a portion of the gate fee(s) when deemed appropriate or necessary to protect human health or safety.

2) CLEAN GREEN/YARD WASTE DEBRIS GATE FEE

(a) The gate fee for clean green/yard waste delivered to the North County Transfer Station or Valley Transfer Station shall be fifty-three dollars (\$53.00) per ton, with a minimum charge of eight dollars (\$8.00) per vehicle for 300 pounds or less.

3) ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS CHARGE

(a) In addition to gate fees, a two dollar (\$2.00) Environmental Program Charge will be collected per transaction for every vehicle that disposes of solid waste or clean green/yard waste at the North County Transfer Station or the Valley Transfer Station.

Submit to Clerk of the Board with accompanying paperwork (Resolution, Agreements, etc.)

AGENDA SHEET

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Spokane County Environmental Services

CONTACT PERSON: Deb Geiger

PHONE NUMBER: 477-7281

CHECK TYPE OF MEETING ITEM BELOW:

9:00 AM CEO MEETING:

2:00 PM CONSENT AGENDA:
BY LEAVE:

5:30 PM LEGISLATIVE SESSION:
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SPECIAL SESSION:

BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Clerk's Resolution No. **20 - 0659**
Approved: Majority/Unanimous _____
Denied: Majority/Unanimous _____
Renews/Amends No. _____
Public Works No. _____
Purchasing Dept. No. _____

AGENDA TITLE: In the matter of adopting an increase for Solid Waste Gate Fees at the North County and Valley Transfer Stations (Resolution Nos. 17-0205; 17-0040; 17-0940; and 19-1380).

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to the provisions of Spokane County Resolution No. 14-0797, the Board adopts gate fee increases for solid waste delivered to the North County Transfer Station and the Valley Transfer Station.

Based on analysis system financial data, requested gate fee increases will provide revenue to cover operations and disposal contracts, as well as reasonable funding for reserves for future capital projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: Increase in gate fees to cover expenses.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Approve.

SIGNATURES: (Signatures must be completed before submitting to the Clerk of the Board).



Department Head/Elected Official or
Designated Authority (Requesting Agenda Item)

This item will need to be codified in the Spokane County Code.