



ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA BILL

MEETING DATE: 1/28/25
Agenda Item No 6
 CONSENT AGENDA
 REGULAR AGENDA
 PUBLIC HEARING/MTG
Resolution/Ordinance No:

C-07-25/SW-01-25

DEPARTMENT:	PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION:	SOLID WASTE
STAFF CONTACT:	James Sylvester, Assistant Public Works Director
DEPT. HEAD:	Fred Snoderly, Director
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Resolution C-07-25(SW-01-25) In the Matter of Adopting Solid Waste Tipping Fees for Island County
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:	<p>WORK SESSION DATE: <i>(If applicable)</i> 1/8/2025</p> <p>The Solid Waste Division is funded through a user fee, known as a solid waste tipping fee, rather than through taxation. As an essential service, solid waste enterprise fund revenue must increase as expenses increase. The 2006 contract for solid waste transportation and disposal services expired on December 31, 2024. Following interviews, ranking and negotiations, the new contract was awarded to the low-cost bidder on December 17, 2024. The low-cost bid resulted in a 36% cost increase for solid waste landfilling and transportation services. The cost increase is, to a significant degree, due in part to the last 18 years of contracted annual inflation adjustments for disposal being applied at only 70% of the Consumer Price Index, and transportation at only 95% of the Consumer Price Index. In order for revenues to match expenses, the current January 1, 2025 Island County Solid Waste base tipping fee, and associated fee's, will require an increase of 15.3%. In order to ensure that that the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenue matches this increase in cost, and for continuity of essential services provision, it is recommended that the solid waste tipping fee be increased 15.3%, as per the attached Resolution and Exhibit A.</p>
FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:	As currently budgeted in the 401 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule Public Hearing/Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Public Hearing/Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(describe)</i> _____
SUGGESTED MOTION:	Motion to adopt solid waste rate structure as proposed.

[BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK OF BOARD]

BOCC ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- TABLED/DEFERRED/NO ACTION TAKEN
- CONTINUED TO DATE: ____/____/____ TIME: _____
- OTHER _____

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING
SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES
FOR ISLAND COUNTY**

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**RESOLUTION C -07-25
 SW -01-25**

WHEREAS, Island County Solid Waste services are funded through a user fee, known as a solid waste tipping fee, rather than through taxation; and

WHEREAS, to maintain continuity of service provision, as an essential service, solid waste enterprise fund revenue must increase proportionally as expenses increase; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, as environmental requirements and expenses significantly increased at regional landfill operations, Island County contracted solid waste landfilling costs increased annually at only 70% of the inflation index, and transportation services at only 95% of the inflation index, as the tipping fee remained steady; and,

WHEREAS, following termination of renewal terms for the current 2006 landfilling and transportation services contract, proposals were solicited for solid waste landfilling and transportation services, and;

WHEREAS, the low bid for solid waste landfilling and transportation services resulted in a 36% cost increase for landfilling and transportation services, and;

WHEREAS, to maintain continuity of service provision, the 36% cost increase for landfilling and transportation services requires a 15.3% increase in the solid waste tipping fee, and;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the inflation adjusted January 1, 2025 base solid waste tipping fee of \$183.37, and associated rates, excepting septage, yard waste, appliances, tires and other materials not disposed through landfilling, as per attached Exhibit A, be increased by 15.3%.

ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Melanie Bacon, Chair

Jill Johnson, Member

Janet St. Clair, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Roll, Clerk of the Board

EXHIBIT A
ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE & SEPTAGE FEES
RATE STRUCTURE, 2025

Exhibit "A"

ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE & SEPTAGE FEES

RATE STRUCTURE, 2025

NOTES:

- 1) There is a 3.6% refuse tax (no sales tax) on Solid Waste Charges.
- 2) Each customer total transaction fee shall be rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents (\$0.25).

**Coupeville, Camano, Oak Harbor, Bayview Solid Waste Facilities (c, f, h)
 Freeland Recycle Park (d, j)**

At sites with a scale, loads are normally weighed

First Can or Bundle of Municipal Solid Waste (b)	\$14.82
Additional Can or Bundle (b) includes 3.6% refuse tax	\$ 4.77 ea.

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

Special Wastes (a, g, i)

Appliances, each	\$26.71
Auto and light truck tires, each	\$ 8.91
(Tires over 18" are accepted & charged by weight at Coupeville & Camano only)	

Coupeville & Camano Transfer Stations (Note 1 & 2 above and a, c, f, g and h below)

Municipal Solid Waste	\$211.43/ton
Construction/Demo/Bulky (g)	\$223.71/ton
Oversized, Hard-to-Handle waste (a)	\$232.70/ton
Yard/Garden Debris (e)	\$ 112.39/ton
Franchise Haulers (except City of Oak Harbor) compacted route truck waste	\$200.51/ton
City of Oak Harbor (compacted route truck waste)	\$186.88/ton

The minimum for weighed materials is: \$ 14.82

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

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 \$14.82.
- (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 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 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 shingle 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 facility 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 and air conditioners which normally contain hazardous waste elements such as Freon.