

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316813

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 15 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO REVISING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
FEE SCHEDULE TO REDUCE THE PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE RATES
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029, AND ALL RELATED
ACTIONS.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. By Resolution R-316260 (June 16, 2025), Council approved and adopted:
- (i) a cost recovery fee for City-provided solid waste management services, including refuse, recycling, and organic waste collection services (Solid Waste Management Fee), to be charged at different rates in Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, in accordance with an identified fee schedule; and (ii) the May 2025 Cost-of-Service Rate Study Report, which set forth the basis for the Solid Waste Management Fee rates to be charged in Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029.
- B. Council determined that the Solid Waste Management Fee and fee schedule complied with the requirements of article XIID, section 6 of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).
- C. The Solid Waste Management Fee went into effect on July 1, 2025, in accordance with the approved fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2026. Beginning July 1, 2026, the Solid Waste Management Fee will be charged in accordance with the approved fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2027.
- D. Council has agreed to consider reducing the Solid Waste Management Fee schedules for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 as part of a tentative settlement agreement in the

litigation entitled *Mary Brown, et al. v. Joe LaCava, et al.*, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 25CU025589C.

E. The proposed Solid Waste Management Fee rate for a bundle consisting of one 95-gallon trash container, one 95-gallon recycling container, and one 95-gallon organics container (95-Gallon Trash Bundle) would be reduced to \$38.75 per month in Fiscal Year 2028 and to \$39.91 per month in Fiscal Year 2029. The Solid Waste Management Fee rates in Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 for bundles containing a 35-gallon trash container (35-Gallon Trash Bundle) or 65-gallon trash container (65-Gallon Trash Bundle), and for additional refuse, recycling or organic waste containers requested by the customer, would also be reduced.

F. The reduced Solid Waste Management Fee rates for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 were calculated by updating the cost of service analysis supporting the previous fee schedule adopted in June 2025 to reduce the Solid Waste Management Fee rate for the 95-Gallon Trash Bundle to \$38.75 per month in Fiscal Year 2028 and \$39.91 per month in Fiscal Year 2029. Cost projections were also adjusted to account for anticipated program changes and level of service reductions in response to the potential decrease in solid waste management fee revenues. The revised cost of service analysis continues to ensure that customers with a 35-Gallon Trash Bundle or 65-Gallon Trash Bundle and customers with additional refuse, recycling, or organic waste containers will be charged Solid Waste Management Fee rates that do not exceed the City's proportional costs of serving those customers.

G. The reduced Solid Waste Management Fee rates for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 are lower, for all bundles and all additional containers, than the Solid Waste Management Fee rates for Fiscal Year 2028 and Fiscal Year 2029 that Council approved by Resolution R-316260,

do not exceed the City's costs of service, and proportionately allocate costs to the City's customers in compliance with all legal requirements, including Proposition 218.

H. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The City Council approves and adopts the revised Solid Waste Management Fee schedule set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein for reference, which reduces the Solid Waste Management Fee schedule for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 previously adopted by Resolution R-316260 (June 16, 2025). The City may make changes to programs or adjustments to the level of service used to calculate the previous fee schedule adopted in June 2025 to account for the decrease in solid waste management fee revenues that will result from this action.

2. The City Council finds and determines that based on the entire record before the City Council, the Solid Waste Management Fee rates for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 identified in Exhibit A are lower than the Solid Waste Management Fee rates Council approved by Resolution R-316260, do not exceed the City's costs of providing solid waste management services, and proportionately allocate costs to the City's customers in compliance with all legal requirements, including Proposition 218.

3. To the extent the provisions of this Resolution conflict with any prior resolutions, the conflicting provisions in this Resolution will supersede those prior resolutions.

4. The Mayor is authorized to take any actions necessary to implement the revised Solid Waste Management Fee.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By Nicole M. Denow
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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
JUN 08 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By Kristhell Medina
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/15/26
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Exhibit A

Revised Solid Waste Management Fee Schedule with updated rates for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029

Fee Schedule for 3-Container Bundle (cost per bundle per month)				
Bundles	Effective Date			
	July 1, 2025 ²	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028
35-gal trash bundle: • 35-gal trash container • 95-gal recycling container • 95-gal organics container	\$32.82	\$33.66	\$28.52	\$29.43
65-gal trash bundle: • 65-gal trash container • 95-gal recycling container • 95-gal organics container	\$38.94	\$39.86	\$34.37	\$35.43
95-gal trash bundle: • 95-gal trash container • 95-gal recycling container • 95-gal organics container	\$43.60	\$44.57	\$38.75	\$39.91
Fees for Additional Containers (cost per month per container) ³				
	Effective Date			
	July 1, 2025 ²	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028
35-gal trash container	\$6.89	\$6.98	\$6.59	\$6.75
65-gal trash container	\$13.06	\$13.23	\$12.50	\$12.80
95-gal trash container	\$17.78	\$18.01	\$16.94	\$17.34
95-gal recycling container ¹	\$9.67	\$11.11	\$6.01	\$6.56
95-gal organics container ¹	\$13.01	\$12.71	\$12.55	\$12.80

Notes:

- 1) The City provides recycling and organics collection at the service level of 95-gal containers only. Customers may request a 35-gal or 65-gal size recycling and/or organics container at the same rate if they prefer a smaller container for reasons unrelated to solid waste services, for example, if they would like a smaller size due to space considerations. However, all customers will be charged at the 95-gal container rate for recycling and organics collection services.
- 2) Under the rate plan adopted on June 9, 2025, the City charged all customers at the 95-gal trash bundle during Fiscal Year 2026. Customers were asked to select a service level and bundled rate option during Fiscal Year 2026. Customers that selected and received the 35-gallon or 65-gallon service level options for their trash container will receive a credit, on their Fiscal Year 2027 bill, for the difference between the rates associated with their selected service level and the 95-gallon service level, for the period of time between when the customers subscribed to and received the smaller containers and the end of Fiscal Year 2026. Customers that currently have a bin that is smaller than 95 gallons were offered the option to request a 95 gallon bin for Fiscal Year 2026.
- 3) Customers that selected additional containers beyond the initial bundle will receive a debit, on their Fiscal Year 2027 bill, for the cost of the additional container, for the period of time between when the customers subscribed to and received the additional containers and the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on June 8, 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Campbell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Whitburn	☒	☐	☐	☐
Henry L. Foster III	☒	☐	☐	☐
Marni von Wilpert	☒	☐	☐	☐
Kent Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐
Raul A. Campillo	☒	☐	☐	☐
Vivian Moreno	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sean Elo-Rivera	☒	☐	☐	☐

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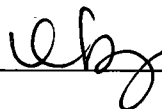
(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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