



Date: January 26, 2023
To: Weber County Board of County Commissioners
From: Sean Wilkinson, AICP *SW*
Director, Community Development Department
Subject: **First Reading of Fee Ordinance Amendments Relating to the Weber County Transfer Station and Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal**
Agenda Date: January 31, 2023
Documents: Exhibit A: Ordinance amendment (first reading showing changes)
Exhibit B: Republic Increase Letter
Exhibit C: Memo for WACOG Solid Waste Subcommittee

Summary: This ordinance accomplishes the following purposes in amending Section 16-2-9 (Solid Waste Fees) of the Weber County Code:

- Increases the Transfer Station general waste and construction/demolition tipping fees from \$44.14 to \$50.00 per ton. This increase is in response to a 16.1% transportation increase that Republic Services received from MBI and passed on to Weber County. It also includes Republic Services' annual 3% increase for transportation and disposal services, and a small COLA increase from Weber County. Other minor amendments include increases for services, products, and delivery fees at the Transfer Station.
- Adjusts the fee schedule for residential solid waste collection and disposal services in western Weber County and Uintah Highlands. The adjustment increases the disposal fee kept by Republic Services from \$4.38 to \$4.64 per ton. This fee should have been adjusted to \$4.51 in January 2022 as part of the annual 3% increase, but was inadvertently left out.
- Corrects an error that was made on the first waste container fee increase, recently approved in December 2022. The County reduced its administrative fee by \$0.57 to offset a fuel surcharge, but the reduction was also shown on the first waste container fee, which was incorrect.

Please see Exhibit A for the applicable adjustments and corrections.



Exhibit A

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. _____

FEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE WEBER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION AND RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Weber County received a 16.1% transportation increase from Republic Services, in addition to other costs related to the Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station is raising the general waste and construction/demolition tipping fees, among other increases for services, products, and deliveries to offset this increase; and

WHEREAS, the WACOG Solid Waste Subcommittee recommended approval of these fee increases; and

WHEREAS, Weber County is adjusting fees for residential solid waste collection and disposal services to correct previous mistakes; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Board of County Commissioners of Weber County has determined to approve such fee changes; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Weber County ordains as follows:

Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 9 of the Weber County Code shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec 16-2-9 Solid Waste Fees

	Fees
Transfer Station	
General residential, commercial and industrial	\$44.14 <u>\$50.00</u> per ton (minimum \$10.00 <u>\$12.00</u> fee for loads 560 lbs or less)
Construction and demolition waste	\$44.14 <u>\$50.00</u> per ton (minimum \$10.00 <u>\$12.00</u> fee for loads 420 lbs or less)
Compost/tree waste	\$30.00 per ton (minimum \$10.00 fee for loads 680 lbs or less)
Mattress/box spring	\$5.00 for each mattress or box spring over two per load

Used tires (residents only, up to 4 tires per person/per day or 8 tires per vehicle per day)	\$1.00 per tire plus minimum weight fee of \$10.00
Special handling loads (campers, wet loads, etc.)	\$55.00 \$65.00 per ton
Uncovered load fee (residential)	\$10.00
Uncovered load fee (commercial)	\$30.00
Vehicle weight fee	\$4.00
Freon removal fee	\$10.00 per unit
Friable asbestos	Not Accepted
Household Hazardous Waste	\$5.00 per load
E-Waste	
Televisions and computer monitors	\$10.00 for up to 3 units \$4.00 per unit plus minimum weight fee; \$3.00 for each additional unit
Recycling Center	
Public curbside recycling	N/A
Commercial recycling	N/A
Public drop-off recycling	N/A
Green Waste Tipping Fee	
Clean grass and leaves	\$5.00 per load (if load is contaminated a \$30.00 per ton fee will apply)
Products	
Screened fine premium	\$20.00 \$25.00 per yard; \$5.00 \$6.50 per bag (2 cubic foot)

Yard and garden mulch	\$15.00 <u>\$17.00</u> per yard; \$4.00 <u>\$5.50</u> per bag (2 cubic foot)	
Screen leaf/veg. premium	\$20.00 <u>\$22.00</u> per yard; \$4.00 <u>\$5.50</u> per bag (2 cubic foot)	
Decorative chips fine/medium — plain	\$15.00 <u>\$22.00</u> per yard; \$4.00 <u>\$5.50</u> per bag (2 cubic foot)	
Colored wood chips	\$30.00 <u>\$32.50</u> per yard; \$6.00 <u>\$7.50</u> per bag (2 cubic foot)	
Ground mulch	\$7.00 <u>\$8.00</u> per yard	
Misc. wood (sawdust, natural wood)	\$3.00 per 2 cubic foot bag	
Firewood	\$90.00 full cord, split \$45.00 ½ cord, split \$30.00 ¼ cord, split	
Uncovered load fee	\$10.00	
Compost delivery fee (10 yard minimum)	\$60.00 (\$70.00 Ogden Valley) <u>\$80</u> (<u>\$95 Ogden Valley</u>)	
Construction and Demolition Landfill		
All landfill waste except tires with a rim diameter greater than 24.5 inches	\$18.00 per ton	
Tires with a rim diameter greater than 24.5 inches	\$25.00 per ton	
Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services		
Delinquent Payment Fee (for properties certified to the County Treasurer and collected by the County’s property tax notice, billing, and collection system)	\$10.00 or 25% of the delinquent fee, whichever is greater	
Republic Services of Northern Utah – Uintah Highlands		
Fee	Rate	Frequency
First Waste Container	\$6.37 <u>\$6.94</u>	Per month
Additional Waste Containers	\$5.55	Per month

Billing Fee (kept by Company)	\$2.55	Per quarter
Disposal Fee (kept by Company)	\$4.38 \$4.64 per container	Per month
County Administrative Fee (remitted to County)	\$3.12	Per month
New Container Delivery Fee (if applicable)	\$15.30	First bill only

Republic Services of Northern Utah – Western Weber County

Fee	Rate	Frequency
First Waste Container	\$7.05 \$7.62	Per month
Additional Waste Containers	\$6.11	Per month
Billing Fee (kept by Company)	\$2.55	Per quarter
Disposal Fee (kept by Company)	\$4.38 \$4.64 per container	Per month
County Administrative Fee (remitted to County)	\$3.12	Per month
New Container Delivery Fee (if applicable)	\$15.30	First bill only

Waste Management of Utah, Inc. – Ogden Valley

Fee	Rate	Frequency
First Waste Container	\$15.97	Per month
Additional Waste Containers	\$8.92 per additional container	Per month
Billing Fee (kept by Company)	\$1.62	Per quarter
County Administrative Fee (remitted to County)	\$2.61	Per month
New Container Delivery Fee (if applicable)	\$16.41	After Delivery (one-time fee only)
Container Exchange Fee	\$48.11	
Overage Fee	\$26.73	
Reactivation Fee	\$26.73	
Container Re-delivery Fee	\$26.73	
Replacement Container Fee	\$80.19	



This Ordinance shall be effective 15 days after publication in the Standard Examiner.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND A SYNOPSIS ORDERED PUBLISHED this 7th day of February 2023.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WEBER COUNTY

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor

By _____
Gage Froerer, Chair

Commissioner Harvey Voted _____

Commissioner Froerer Voted _____

Commissioner Bolos Voted _____

Exhibit B



November 30, 2022

Sean Wilkinson, Community Development Director
c/o Weber County
2380 Washington Blvd
Ogden, UT 84401

Dear Sean,

I am writing to officially notify you of the increase in cost to the rates below per the current contract. The contract (7.2) indicates a 3% annual escalator and (7.3) allows for a fuel surcharge that calculates out to be \$.57 per home per month for 1st cans. With these increases, the new rates adjust to the rates indicated below:

Uintah Highlands

Current rates to their new rates

1st can - \$6.18 to **\$6.94** Addt'l cans – \$5.39 to **\$5.55**
Billing fee - \$2.48 to **\$2.55** Container delivery fee - \$14.85 to **\$15.30**

West Weber

Current rates to their new rates

1st can - \$6.84 to **\$7.62** Addt'l cans – \$5.93 to **\$6.11**
Billing fee - \$2.48 to **\$2.55** Container delivery fee - \$14.85 to **\$15.30**

We will implement these new rates starting January 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please reach out.

Sincerely,

Reece DeMille

Reece DeMille
Republic Services

This rate increase also raises the disposal fee kept by Republic Services from \$4.38 to \$4.64 per container as shown in Exhibit A.

The rate should have changed from \$4.38 to \$4.51 per container with the 2022 3% increase.

Exhibit C

Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Fee Increase

A few months ago in a WACOG meeting, I discussed a pending transportation cost increase that Republic Services would receive from MBI, and in turn, pass on to the Transfer Station. At the time, I was told the increase could be as much as 40% but would likely be between 12% and 20%. Republic Services met with us just before Christmas and gave us the final number which they had negotiated with MBI: \$4.48 per ton or 16.1%. This raised the transportation and disposal cost to \$32.25 per ton.

Weber County began paying this new rate on January 1st. In response, the Transfer Station will raise its tipping fee beginning on March 1st, which gives the County time to approve a fee ordinance amendment and gives the cities and haulers time to adjust without paying the increased cost for January and February. In these two months, the Transfer Station will lose about \$161,000 (18,000 tons/month x \$4.48 x two months).

Republic Services will also charge a 3% annual increase on July 1st which brings the transportation and disposal cost to \$33.22 per ton. This proposal offsets the Transfer Station's loss by charging the 3% annual increase in March rather than July. This move will reimburse the County \$70,000 (18,000 tons/month x \$0.97 x four months), leaving a total loss of about \$91,000. The Transfer Station can absorb this one-time loss, but increasing the loss by charging the 3% increase in July rather than March (\$252,000 total loss) is not recommended.

The proposed new tipping fee is \$50 per ton, which includes the MBI increase, Republic's 3% annual increase, and a Transfer Station COLA increase of \$0.41 per ton. Our goal is to maintain an efficient operation and healthy fund balance, while keeping our fees as low as possible. We believe this proposal achieves that outcome. We do not anticipate an additional mid-year increase in 2023.

Republic/MBI Transportation Increase

- Current Republic transportation and disposal cost: **\$27.77/ton**.
- MBI transportation cost increase beginning January 1, 2023: **\$4.48/ton** (16.1%).
- New Republic transportation and disposal cost: January 1st – June 30th **\$32.25/ton**.
- Republic 3% annual increase: **\$0.97/ton**: July 1st – December 31st **\$33.22/ton**.

Weber County Tipping Fee Increase

- Current Transfer Station tipping fee: **\$44.14/ton**.
- Republic/MBI increases: **\$5.45/ton** (assuming 3% increase in March instead of July).
- Weber County COLA increase **\$0.41/ton**.
- New Transfer Station tipping fee: **\$50.00/ton** (13.2% increase).

Transfer Station Service, Product, and Delivery Fee Increases

Service Fees

- \$10 minimum fee will increase to **\$12**.
- Special handling fee for campers, wet loads, etc. will increase from **\$55 to \$65 per load**.
- Fees for TV's, monitors, and other e-waste will increase from **3 items for \$10 plus weight fee to \$4 per item plus weight fee**.
- Clarification that (4) tires per person and a **max of (8) per vehicle per day are allowed**. The cost of \$1 each plus the minimum weight fee remains the same.

Compost Products and Delivery

- Compost products and delivery services will be increased as shown in the following table:

COMPOST PRODUCTS			
Product Description	Price per Yard (1 cubic yard)	Proposed Increase	NEW Price
Screened fine premium	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25
Screened fine premium 2 cubic ft. bags	\$5.00	\$1.50	\$6.50
Yard and Garden Mulch	\$15.00	\$2.00	\$17.00
Yard and Garden Mulch 2 cubic ft. bags	\$4.00	\$1.50	\$5.50
Screened Leaf/Veg. premium	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Screened Leaf/Veg. premium 2 cubic ft. bags	\$4.00	\$1.50	\$5.50
Decorative wood chips fine/medium – plain	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Decorative wood chips fine/medium – plain 2 cubic ft. bags	\$5.00	\$1.50	\$6.50
Colored Wood chips	\$30.00	\$2.50	\$32.50
Colored Wood chips 2 cubic ft. bags	\$6.00	\$1.50	\$7.50
Unscreened Ground Mulch	\$7.00	\$1.00	\$8.00
Compost Delivery (10 yard minimum)	\$70.00	\$10.00	\$80.00
Compost Delivery Upper Valley (10 yard minimum)	\$80.00	\$15.00	\$95.00