

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATE)
INCREASE REQUEST FOR SOLID WASTE)
COLLECTION IN FRANCHISE AREA 2) RESOLUTION NO. 14-094

WHEREAS, the County of Amador (“County”) has granted to ACES Waste Services, Inc. (“ACES”) a franchise to collect solid waste in portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the franchise agreement the rates and charges imposed by ACES for collection of solid waste shall be set from time to time by resolution of the County’s Board of Supervisors after public notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, ACES has requested a rate increase for solid waste collection in Franchise Area 2 as describe on Attachment A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the County, in compliance with California Proposition 218, has provided specific notice to property owners/customers within Franchise Area 2 of the proposed increase and advised them of the opportunity to file a protest against the proposed fee increase; and

WHEREAS, out of the approximately 787 customers notified, the County received one (1) written protest; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase in rates for solid waste collection was reviewed, taking into account ACES’ service to customers, performance of other duties required by franchise agreement, profitability, administrative costs, operational costs, capital costs, and other appropriate financial matters, and was found to be justifiable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California that said Board does hereby approve the rate increase request for solid waste collection in Franchise Area 2. The new rate schedule set forth in Attachment A shall be effective September 1, 2014 for garbage collection rates in Franchise Area 2.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 26th day of August, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Theodore F. Novelli, Brian Oneto, Louis D. Boitano and
 Richard M. Forster

NOES: None

RECUSED: John Plasse



Theodore F. Novelli, Chairman

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy

Dear Property Owner/Customer:

This notice, dated June 20, 2014, explains proposed rates for refuse collection in County Franchise Area No. 2, served by ACES Waste Services, Inc. (ACES). These proposed rates will be recommended for adoption by the Amador County Board of Supervisors at the public hearing described in this notice. Rate adjustments are derived by using a waste industry-specific "Refuse Rate Index (RRI)". The RRI utilizes five (5) separate indices: labor, diesel fuel, vehicle replacement, vehicle maintenance, and CPI. This notice is being sent to provide you information about proposed new rates for residential and commercial refuse collection, and to provide information on procedures to be followed if you wish to protest the proposed rate increases.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Amador County Board of Supervisors will consider a rate increase of 3.82%, as described below, at a public hearing on August 12, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard by the Board of Supervisors, in the Board Chambers, located at 810 Court Street, Jackson, California 95642. If approved, the proposed increase will be effective on September 1, 2014.

Why Change Rates?

Refuse collection rates in Franchise Area No. 2 were previously adjusted by (minus) 1.31% on July 1, 2013. The proposed rate increase is needed to reflect the increased costs of providing services.

The following tables list the existing rates and the proposed maximum new rates for residential and commercial collection:

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Increase	New Monthly Rate
32-Gal. WEEKLY PICK-UP	\$19.30	\$0.74	\$20.04
64-Gal. WEEKLY PICK-UP	\$23.55	\$0.90	\$24.45
96-Gal. WEEKLY PICK-UP	\$28.91	\$1.10	\$30.01
COMMERCIAL SERVICE	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Increase	New Monthly Rate
1 - YARD BIN WEEKLY	\$80.34	\$3.07	\$83.41
2 - YARD BIN WEEKLY	\$132.68	\$5.07	\$137.75
3 - YARD BIN WEEKLY	\$199.08	\$7.60	\$206.68
4 - YARD BIN WEEKLY	\$265.10	\$10.13	\$275.23
6 - YARD BIN WEEKLY	\$397.68	\$15.19	\$412.87
7 - YARD BIN WEEKLY	\$464.02	\$17.73	\$481.75
ON CALL PER YARD	\$18.54	\$0.71	\$19.25
DEBRIS BOX HAUL CHARGE	\$211.15	\$8.07	\$219.22

Procedures for Commenting and Filing Written Protests

At the public hearing on August 12, 2014 the Board of Supervisors will consider all comments and objections, if any, to the proposed rate increases. Any person interested, including all persons owning property or customers served by ACES in Franchise Area No. 2, may appear and be heard as to whether the proposed rates are discriminatory or excessive, or any other matter relating to the rates proposed herein.

Written comments and/or protests should be addressed to: The Amador County Board of Supervisors, 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642. All written protests must be submitted by the conclusion of the public hearing. The Board of Supervisors will count all written protests submitted prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Both the owner of the parcel and the person receiving the service for which the fee is charged may submit a written protest but only one protest per parcel will be counted. A written protest must include (1) your original signature; (2) identification of the parcel by parcel number or address; (3) whether you are the owner of the parcel or the person receiving the service for which the fee is charged; and (4) your statement that you protest the proposed rate increases. Written protests will not be accepted by e-mail or by fax. Oral protests will not be counted.

If written protests against the proposed rate increases are received from a majority of owners affected, then the Board of Supervisors shall not impose the rate increases. All documents supporting the rate increase are on file at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at the address listed above and are available for public review. Any questions regarding the information in this notice may be directed to Jim McHargue, Waste Management and Recycling Department at (209) 223-6429.