

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

to Consider Proposed Rate Increase for Refuse Services

# Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

# **Proposition 218**

Pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, the City of National City (the "City) hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The public hearing will be held in the Council Chamber located inside City Hall, at 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California, 91950.

# **Reason for Proposed Rate Increase**

A rate adjustment is being proposed due to the increased costs of providing refuse services to residential and commercial users as a result of changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), landfill fees, recycling values and organics. If approved, basic service residential rates will increase by \$1.89 per month, with a 20% discount for qualifying senior citizens and Senior Silver Bag Service will increase \$0.23 per bag. If approved, basic trash service for commercial rates will increase \$9.99 per month for a 3 yard container serviced one time per week. These rates were last adjusted on July 1, 2021 and if approved, these rates will become effective on July 1, 2023.

Residential Service	Current Monthly Rate (Effective 7/1/21)	Proposed Monthly Rate (Effective 7/1/23)	
Base Rate	\$23.43	\$25.32	
Senior Discount Rate	\$18.75	\$20.26	
Silver Bag Rate	\$2.87 per bag	\$3.10 per bag	

California Government Code section 53756 permits the adoption of a schedule of fees authorizing automatic adjustments for a period not to exceed five years. As part of this hearing, the City will consider authorizing future annual automatic inflationary adjustments in the solid waste disposal/recycling rates for a period of five years based upon changes in the CPI, landfill fees, recycling values and organics.

In addition, the City receives a Franchise Fee, which is a portion of EDCO's revenues. In order to support current programs and provide new funding for required SB 1383 programming, the Franchise Fees are proposed to increase from 10% to 12.5% over a four-year period as follows. On July 1, 2024, Franchise Fees will increase 1%, on July 1, 2025, Franchise Fees will increase 0.5%, on July 1, 2026, Franchise Fees will increase 0.5% and on July 1, 2027, Franchise Fees will increase 0.5%.

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# **Protest Procedure**

The property owner of record may file a written protest to the proposed rate adjustments. Property owners need not attend the public hearing in order to file a protest. Protests may be mailed to: City Clerk, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California 91950. If protesting by mail, please write on the front of the envelope that the enclosed letter of protest is for the proposed refuse and waste disposal adjustments. All protests must be received before the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing on *June 6, 2023*. Any protests received after that date and time, even if postmarked on or prior to that date, will not be counted.

Any protest received via e-mail, fax, or other electronic means shall also not be counted. The signature on the protest must be that of the property owner of record and be an original signature. Protests with copies of signatures will not be counted. Verbal comments do not qualify as a protest, unless accompanied by a written protest. While customers who live on property owned by others may attend the public hearing, the City will only count written protests filed by property owners. Only one valid protest per parcel will be counted.

# In order to be counted, each protest must contain the following:

- 1. State that the property owner of record does not agree with the proposed rate adjustments.
- 2. Identify the location of the parcel by street address, assessor's parcel number (APN) listed on the address label of your envelope, or City account number.
- 3. Provide the printed name and original signature of the property owner submitting the protest.
- 4. If you wish to protest and you own multiple properties, you may file one valid protest for each parcel that you own. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. For example, if you own five parcels and you wish to file protests for each of your properties, you must file five separate protests.
- 5. If you wish to protest and your parcel is owned by more than one person, or by a corporation or other legal entity, you may only file one protest for that parcel. Proper documentation must be provided showing that the person who signs the protest has the authority to sign on behalf of the other owners, corporation, or legal entity.
- 6. If the name of the property owner was not shown on San Diego County's last equalized assessment roll as the owner of record, you must provide the City with a certified copy of a recorded deed.

Individuals with disabilities, who require reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact the City Clerk's Office as far in advance of the public hearing as possible.

If you have any questions about this process, or this notice in general, please contact the Engineering / Public Works Department at 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, CA 91950 or by calling (619) 336-4580.

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