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NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE COLLECTION RATES FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE AND ORGANIC MATERIALS COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY



The City Council of the City of Foster City hereby gives public notice of its intent to increase the existing residential and commercial customer base rates for solid waste, recyclable and organics materials collection services, and the rates for unscheduled optional services for 2014 at a public hearing to be held at a special meeting on November 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Foster City Council Chambers located at 620 Foster City Boulevard.

The need for these adjustments was discussed by the City Council at the October 7, 2013 Council meeting. The staff report, which describes various rate adjustment options, is available at Foster City City Hall located at 610 Foster City Boulevard or online at www.fostercity.org.

WHAT IS PROPOSED:

1. Increasing the collection rates for all Residential and Commercial customers by no more than a maximum allowable amount of 2.9%.
2. Decreasing the current franchise fee that Recology pays to the City of Foster City from 10.0% of the net revenue billed to 5.0%
3. Increasing the table of "Rates for Unscheduled Services" (optional services) by 1.69%

affected ratepayers prior to the close of the public hearing, the City Council will not increase the collection rates or the rates for unscheduled services as a matter of State law, however, levels of service would be impacted.

If you would like additional information on the proposed changes, please call the Foster City Public Works Department at 650-286-3270.

If you wish to file a written protest, please send a letter in a sealed envelope addressed to Solid Waste Rates, City Clerk, City of Foster City, 610 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404. Your letter must identify the real property you own or rent by **street address** and **assessor's parcel number**. Your letter must be legibly signed by any one of the current property owners or ratepayers of record. The City of Foster City must receive your letter at City Hall by **5:00 p.m.** on **November 25, 2013**, or it must be presented at the City Council meeting on November 25, 2013 prior to the close of the public hearing on this matter.

Any person interested, including all solid waste, recycling, and organics collection customers of the City of Foster City, may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in rates.

For mail distribution by October 11, 2013, by the City of Foster City.

Today, approximately sixty seven percent (67%) of Foster City residents subscribe to a 32 gallon size trash cart and approximately nineteen percent (19%) subscribe to a 20 gallon cart. With the proposed maximum increase in solid waste collection rates for 2014, a 32 gallon cart will cost \$19.47 a monthly increase of \$0.55 per month (or \$1.65 per three-month billing cycle); and a 20 gallon cart will cost \$12.16 per month, a monthly increase of \$0.34 per month (or \$1.02 per three-month billing cycle). Even with a rate increase, Foster City's proposed rates would remain among the lowest in San Mateo County.

The following tables show the current monthly rate and the maximum proposed rates for the four offered residential services and the most common service levels for commercial customers if the containers are serviced one time per week.

The cost for all three residential services - garbage, recycling, and organics collection - provided by Recology are determined by the size of your garbage cart. Commercial costs are determined by the size of your solid waste collection container, optional organic collection container, and the number of days of service for each.