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City of Rohnert Park Approves Delaying Part of Garbage and Recycling Rate Increase

Rohnert Park, CA (June 26, 2023) – On June 13, Rohnert Park City Council approved delaying part of the garbage and recycling **rate increase** to soften the impact to residents. The annual rate adjustment covers services from the city’s waste hauler, Recology Sonoma Marin. This year’s increase of 6.77% will go into effect on July 1.

“We commissioned an independent review of the proposed increase to ensure these rate adjustments accurately reflect the services that will be provided and these costs are necessary to implement state and local mandates in the most economical manner possible,” said Rohnert Park Mayor Samantha Rodriguez. “Recology has been providing solid waste collection and street sweeping services for Rohnert Park for 6 years, and we appreciate the continued partnership to serve our community.”

Recology’s services include commercial and residential solid waste collection as well as weekly street sweeping. Every year, Recology submits a rate adjustment calculation, Rate Review Index (RRI), based on their costs to provide services to residents and businesses. The rate adjustment is part of the city’s contract with Recology.

The new rates reflect actual cost increases, particularly in fuel this year. The costs for labor, vehicles, disposal fees and residential carts have also increased.

Recology will execute the increase in phases. The rate increase this year will be 6.77%. An additional 1.5% will be deferred until next fiscal year.

Rohnert Park continues to maintain one of the lowest rates for residential and commercial garbage and recycling services in the county. The chart below shows how these rates are in line or lower than neighboring jurisdictions.

Current Rate Comparison With Other Jurisdictions				
Refuse Cart Sizes (gallons)	20-gal	32-gal	64-gal	96-gal
Rohnert Park- Current Refuse Rates	\$ 14.84	\$ 27.21	\$ 42.50	\$ 66.34
Santa Rosa- Current Refuse Rates	\$ 32.52	\$ 36.57	\$ 53.40	\$ 81.79
Petaluma- Current Refuse Rates	\$ 14.83	\$ 26.25	\$ 49.79	\$ 82.13
Cotati- Current Refuse Rates	\$ 18.62	\$ 26.17	\$ 68.61	\$ 105.74
Healdsburg- Current Refuse Rates	\$ 22.52	\$ 29.78	\$ 42.61	\$ 57.65

*Note that the most recent increases were either July 2022 or January 2023 for these agencies

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