



**Residential Property Owners and Tenants - Customers:**

This notice is intended to inform you that the City of San Luis Obispo (the “City”) will hold a public hearing regarding rate increases (the “Proposed Rate Increase”) proposed by San Luis Garbage Company (the “Garbage Company”) for properties and customers receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City. The Proposed Rate Increase will be considered by the San Luis Obispo City Council at the date, time, and location specified below. Consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, this notice also provides you with the following information:

- The Date, Time, and Place of the Public Hearing;
- The Majority Protest Procedures;
- The Reason for the Proposed Rate Increase; and
- The Basis for the Proposed Rate Increase.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**The Public Hearing for the Proposed Rate Increase within the City limits will be held on:**

**Date:** June 18, 2019      **Time:** 6:00 pm

**Place:** San Luis Obispo City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA

**At the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider all public comment in support of and in opposition to the Proposed Rate Increase and whether or not a Majority Protest exists pursuant to the California Constitution (as described below). If approved, the Proposed Rate Increase would become effective on June 19, 2019.**

**HOW DO I PROTEST THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE?**

Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, the following persons may submit a written protest against the Proposed Rate Increase to the City Clerk before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

- An owner(s) of property (parcel(s)) receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City limits. If the person(s) signing the protest, as an owner, is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner of the parcel(s) then the protest must contain or be accompanied by written evidence that such person signing the protest is the owner of the parcel(s) receiving services;
- or
- A tenant(s) whose name appears on the Garbage Company’s records as the customer of record for the corresponding parcel receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City limits (tenant-customer).

A valid written protest must contain a statement that you protest the Proposed Rate Increase, the address or Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) of the parcel or parcels which receive solid waste, recycling, and green waste services, and a signature by either the owner or the tenant-customer of the parcel or parcels. One written protest per parcel shall be counted in calculating a majority protest to the Proposed Rate Increase subject to the requirements of Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution. Written protests will not be

accepted by e-mail or by facsimile. Verbal protests will not be counted in determining the existence of a majority protest. To be counted, a protest must be received in writing by the City Clerk before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

Written protests regarding the solid waste rate increase may be mailed to:

**City of San Luis Obispo**  
**Attn: City Clerk**  
**990 Palm Street , San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3249**

Written protests may also be personally delivered to the City Clerk at San Luis Obispo City Hall located at 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

If valid written protests are presented by a majority of owners and/or tenants-customers of parcels receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the City limits, then the City will not adjust/increase the rates for the services.

### **Reason for the Proposed Rate Increase**

The Proposed Rate Increase (amounting to an increase of 13.72 percent for solid waste, recycling, and green waste services) is necessary for the Garbage Company to continue to provide safe, environmentally sound, and reliable solid waste, recycling, and green waste collection, transportation and disposal or processing services to the citizens of the City. Several factors have contributed to these increased costs, including, but not limited to: the rising costs associated with the processing of recycling material, increased costs associated with purchase, operation and fuel for vehicles, increased labor costs, and costs associated with the implementation of an Organics Program mandated by California Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826). AB 1826 requires local jurisdictions to develop a program to divert organic waste from landfills to an authorized composting facility. Organic waste is food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and nonhazardous wood waste.

### **Basis of the Proposed Rate Increase**

The total Proposed Rate Increase of 13.72 percent is based on the following cost increases incurred by the Garbage Company:

1. 4.7 percent of the Proposed Rate Increase is based on increased vehicle costs that include costs for new equipment, maintenance of vehicle fleets to stay current with the California Air Resources Board rules and regulations, fuel, and increased labor costs.
2. 0.82 percent of the Proposed Rate Increase is based on the net result of other increases to the cost of operations.
3. 1.0 percent of the Proposed Rate Increase is based on the implementation of an Organics Program mandated by the State of California.
4. 7.2 percent of the Proposed Rate Increase is related to the cost to process recyclable materials.

In addition, commencing on January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021, rates shall be increased based on the following:

1. Increases, if any, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers based on the All U.S. City Average, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the month of June 2019 for January 1, 2020 and June 2020 for January 1, 2021.
2. Increases of 0.85 percent on January 1, 2020 and 0.82 percent for January 1, 2021 for increases in the cost of landfill disposal.

- A 3% annual increase in AB 939 fee costs which are used to fund City waste diversion programs associated with California Assembly Bill 939.

A copy of the 2019 Base Year Rate Adjustment Application, which provides additional information on the proposed rate increases, is available at the City Clerk's office located at 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California and online at [sanluisgarbage.com](http://sanluisgarbage.com).

<b>Single Family and Multi-Unit Residential (4 Units or Less)</b>				
<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Pick Ups Per Week</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate Adjustment %</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Rate Effective 6/19/2019</b>
Price per month for specified waste-wheeler container collected once each week. One green waste container and one recycling container service is included at no additional charge.				
<b>Mini-Can Service</b>				
One 19-gallon waste wheeler container	1	<b>\$9.08</b>	13.72%	<b>\$10.33</b>
<b>Economy Rate</b>				
One 32-gallon waste wheeler container	1	<b>\$14.49</b>	13.72%	<b>\$16.48</b>
<b>Standard Rate</b>				
One 64-gallon waste wheeler container	1	<b>\$28.99</b>	13.72%	<b>\$32.97</b>
<b>Premium Rate</b>				
One 96-gallon waste wheeler container	1	<b>\$43.48</b>	13.72%	<b>\$49.45</b>
<b>Premium Plus Rate</b>				
One 96-gallon waste wheeler at the Premium Rate, plus an additional charge of:				
One 32-gallon waste wheeler container	1	<b>\$13.21</b>	13.72%	<b>\$15.02</b>
One 64-gallon waste wheeler container	1	<b>\$26.45</b>	13.72%	<b>\$30.08</b>
One 96-gallon waste wheeler container	1	<b>\$39.64</b>	13.72%	<b>\$45.08</b>
<b>Designed Manual Service (Determined by City Staff)</b>				
Mini-Can Service	1	<b>\$14.75</b>	13.72%	<b>\$16.77</b>
Economy Rate	1	<b>\$23.58</b>	13.72%	<b>\$26.82</b>
Standard Rate	1	<b>\$47.20</b>	13.72%	<b>\$53.68</b>
Premium Rate	1	<b>\$70.77</b>	13.72%	<b>\$80.48</b>
Premium Plus 32-Gallon Can Rate	1	<b>\$21.50</b>	13.72%	<b>\$24.45</b>
Premium Plus 64-Gallon Can Rate	1	<b>\$43.01</b>	13.72%	<b>\$48.91</b>
Premium Plus 96-Gallon Can Rate	1	<b>\$64.54</b>	13.72%	<b>\$73.39</b>
<b>Long-Term Vacation Rate</b>	1	<b>\$7.45</b>	13.72%	<b>\$8.47</b>
<b>Service Away from the Street Curb</b>				
Additional per month per can or container charge	1	<b>\$9.83</b>	13.72%	<b>\$11.18</b>

Service Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Adjustment %	Proposed Monthly Rate Effective 6/19/2019
<b>Used Oil Collection - No Charge (Call for details and pick up information).</b>			
<b>Late Makeup Collections (Phone Call Required)</b>			
Per trip charge plus charges identified below for any extra containers or equivalent volume.	<b>\$14.63</b>	13.72%	<b>\$16.64</b>
Additional charge per 32-gallon can or equivalent volume per collection.	<b>\$7.21</b>	13.72%	<b>\$8.20</b>
<b>Other Residential Charges:</b>			
Tax Lien Certified Mail Fee	<b>\$3.87</b>	13.72%	<b>\$4.40</b>
Special Trip Fee	<b>\$43.86</b>	13.72%	<b>\$49.88</b>
Loose Cardboard	<b>\$7.77</b>	13.72%	<b>\$8.84</b>
Restart Fee-Residential	<b>\$21.93</b>	13.72%	<b>\$24.94</b>
White Goods	<b>\$27.40</b>	13.72%	<b>\$31.16</b>
Extra Recycle 32 Or 64 Or 96-Gal Cart	<b>\$1.50</b>	13.72%	<b>\$1.71</b>
Extra Green Waste 32 Or 96-Gal Cart	<b>\$5.65</b>	13.72%	<b>\$6.43</b>
<b>Extra Collections (Phone Call Required)</b>			
Per trip, plus applicable amount below:	<b>\$21.93</b>	13.72%	<b>\$24.94</b>
Per garbage can or equivalent volume (Over 6 cans by quotation)	<b>\$7.21</b>	13.72%	<b>\$8.20</b>
Per recycling can or equivalent volume (Over 6 cans by quotation)	<b>\$3.63</b>	13.72%	<b>\$4.13</b>
Per white good article/ appliance (Once a month only)	<b>\$15.24</b>	13.72%	<b>\$17.33</b>
Per piece of furniture	<b>\$15.24</b>	13.72%	<b>\$17.33</b>
Per mattress or box spring	<b>\$15.24</b>	13.72%	<b>\$17.33</b>
<b>Other Service Notes:</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customers that qualify for Low Income Services are eligible for a 25% discount on one 32-gallon waste wheeler.</li> <li>Late Fees are imposed for residential customers over 30 days delinquent. The fee is 1.5% per month of the outstanding charge, with a minimum fee of \$5.00. No prior notice is required, as this late fee policy is stated at the bottom of everybill.</li> </ol>			