

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING SECTION 6-10.207 OF
ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 6
OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY CODE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, **ORDAINS** as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6-10.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) *General.* For purposes of this section "franchisee" shall refer to a solid waste collector as defined in this chapter. The fees below apply to all franchise areas, except that fees in parentheses, e.g. One and no/100ths (\$1.00) Dollars shall apply to Franchise Area 3 (Intermountain Disposal Inc. franchise area), as defined in the County Solid Waste Management Plan. This fee schedule is operative as of July 1, 2005.

All fees shall be collected by the franchisee on a fair and equitable basis. Any customer required to pay an unfair or unreasonable charge for any service may file a written complaint with the Department setting forth the facts of such alleged overcharge. The Department shall notify the franchisee, investigate the complaint, and determine the appropriate charge. The Department's determination shall be final, unless it is appealed as provided in Section 6-10.406 of this chapter.

(b) *Collection fees.* The base rate for collection shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling, and ultimate disposal activities.

(1) *Residential base rate.* The charge for one can per week shall be a monthly fee of \$18.07 (\$17.30), two (2) cans per week shall be a monthly fee of \$25.13 (\$22.90); three (3) cans per week shall be a monthly fee of \$32.03 (\$27.60); and four (4) cans per week shall be a monthly fee of \$39.14 (\$32.25). The monthly charge for a 64-gallon waste-wheeler shall be \$24.71 (\$25.70) for one collection per week. A monthly charge for a 100-gallon waste-wheeler is \$32.03 (\$30.40) for one collection per week.

(2) *Residential large items.* Each washer, dryer, standard size refrigerator, single bed mattress, and similar size object shall be charged a maximum of \$17.70 (\$16.40) each per collection. Each deep freezer, double bed mattress, and similar size object shall be charged a maximum of \$35.24 (\$32.70) each per collection. Each tire shall be charged per collection: \$3.90 (\$3.40) [sixteen (16") inches or less]; \$7.53 (\$6.95) [more than sixteen (16") inches but less than twenty (20") inches]; \$17.70 (\$16.40) [more than twenty (20") inches].

(3) *Residential billing.* Each new residential collection account shall be charged a \$7.53 (\$6.95) start-up fee to cover the administrative costs of arranging for new and/or seasonal service. The residential base rate may be billed to the customer three (3) months in advance of the service to be performed, provided that no account shall be considered delinquent by the franchisee if payment for a month's service is received by the fifteenth day of that month.

(4) *Commercial base rate.* A one cubic yard bin shall be charged a monthly fee of \$75.44 (\$73.00) for one collection per week; a monthly fee of \$150.66 (\$146.05) for two (2) collections per week; a monthly fee of \$226.47 (\$219.10) for three (3) collections per week; a monthly fee of \$302.01 (\$292.05) for four (4) collections per week; and a monthly fee of \$377.56 (\$365.10) for five (5) collections per week. Each additional cubic yard per collection shall be charged \$20.28 (\$19.60), including any fraction of a cubic yard such as when waste is heaped above the top of a bin.

Commercial can service shall be charged a monthly fee of \$23.18 (\$22.55) for one can collected per week; a monthly fee of \$28.50 (\$27.60) for two (2) cans collected per week; a monthly fee of \$33.72 (\$32.70) for three (3) cans collected per week; and a monthly fee of \$39.04 (\$37.50) for four (4) cans collected per week, and double the above if collection is twice per week. The monthly charge for a sixty-four-gallon waste-wheeler is \$28.50 (\$28.95). The monthly charge for a one hundred-gallon waste-wheeler is \$39.04 (\$34.05).

(5) *Commercial large items.* The same rates as for residential large items, in subsection (b) (2) above, shall apply.

(6) *Commercial billing.* The commercial base rate may be billed to the customer one month in advance of service, or guaranteed by an equivalent sum in the form of a security deposit or letter of credit.

(c) *Special travel charge for collection.* In addition to the residential and commercial base rates, special travel shall be charged to the customer by the franchisee in the following manner. If the service requested does not fall on a regular service day for that service area, or that service area has no regular service day, the reasonable time and mileage costs of the franchisee shall be charged to all customers served during the special travel. Time and mileage costs shall be based on the distance from the last regular customer in the area, or if none, from the franchisee's yard. The costs, not to exceed \$81.71 (\$76.15) per hour, shall be divided among the customers served during the special travel in proportion to the volume of waste collected from each customer. "Regular service" is defined as year-around service on at least a weekly basis.

(d) *Bin delivery charge.* In addition to the residential and commercial base rates, bin delivery shall be charged to the customer in the following manner. For each bin a delivery fee of \$50.31 (\$46.85) shall be charged to cover the round trip cost of delivery and eventual removal of the bin by the franchisee. This charge may be made payable in advance of delivery. This charge may be increased by any special travel charge applicable to the customer's request for delivery.

(e) *Fees for unloading at transfer sites or landfills.* The following fees shall be collected from the public for unloading at transfer sites or landfills, and such fees shall cover the handling, transfer, hauling, and ultimate disposal activities.

(1) *Minimum fee.* The minimum fee for unloading shall be \$7.53 (\$7.65) for the equivalent of two (2) cans or standard containers; \$11.96 (\$11.65) for the equivalent of three (3) cans; and \$15.70 (\$15.15) for the equivalent of four (4) cans.

(2) *Vehicle unloading fee.* When waste is unloaded from vehicles and such waste exceeds in amount the equivalent of four (4) cans or standard containers, then the following charges shall apply on the basis of vehicle size:

- (I) Station wagon: \$16.28 (\$15.55);
- (II) Compact pickup truck: \$20.23 (\$19.35);
- (III) Compact pickup truck with sideboards: \$25.87 (\$24.45);
- (IV) Standard-sized pickup truck: \$24.71 (\$23.60);
- (V) Standard-sized pickup truck with sideboards: \$30.92 (\$29.20);
- (VI) Larger trucks: \$17.44 (\$17.00) per cubic yard maximum.

(3) *Fee for unloading large and restricted items.* Unusually large items increase the time and effort of disposal, and the following charges shall apply:

- (I) A washer or dryer, standard-sized refrigerator, single-bed mattress, or similar-sized object: \$14.01 (\$13.20);
- (II) A standard-sized deep freezer, double-bed mattress, or similar-sized object: \$25.34 (\$24.45) maximum;
- (III) Each tire sixteen (16") inches or less: \$3.11 (\$2.90);
Each tire seventeen (17") inches to twenty (20") inches: \$6.27 (\$5.80);
Each tire more than twenty (20") inches: \$13.91 (\$12.80);
- (IV) Tree stumps shall be unloaded only at landfills, not transfer sites.
Each stump twelve (12") inches or less: \$20.23 (\$18.80);
Each stump thirteen (13") to twenty-four (24") inches: \$40.51 (\$37.80);
Each stump more than twenty-four (24") inches: \$60.74 (\$56.70);
- (V) Cathode ray tubes and televisions shall only be accepted at transfer stations.
Each cathode ray tube (computer monitor) and television: \$3.32 (\$3.15);
- (VI) Other large items not included in this section shall be charged pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

(4) *Compacted loads.* Compacted loads shall be permitted only at transfer sites, and only if the hauler weighs the truck before and after tipping at the site. Compacted loads shall be charged at the rate of \$81.50 (\$70.30) per ton.

(5) *Prohibited items.* None of the following items shall be permitted by the franchisee to be unloaded: dead animals; car bodies; tree stumps at transfer sites; explosives; toxic chemicals or any hazardous waste materials; except that steel items and car bodies will be accepted free of charge at the Greenville Transfer Site.

(f) *Fee for extra services.* Services for which no fee is specified in this chapter shall be considered extra services by the franchisee, and the charges for such services shall be negotiated by the franchisee and customer, subject to being fair and equitable as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective Date; Publication; Codification.

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its date of final adoption. It shall be published in all newspapers of general circulation in Plumas County published by the Feather River Publishing Company within 15 days of final adoption. Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be codified, and the remainder shall be un-codified.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the 16th day of December, 2008, further considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the 6th day of January, 2009, and passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, on the 13th day of January, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen, Thrall

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Sharon J. Thrall
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Nancy B. Olson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors