



## TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGES AND RATES

Notice is hereby given that the Mammoth Lakes Town Council will hold a public hearing on proposed increases in rates and charges for solid waste disposal, recycling, and related services. The hearing will be held on January 17, 2024 at 4:00 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, located upstairs in Suite Z at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, and/or virtually online. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing. Any protest of the proposed fees must be presented in writing at, or before, the hearing.

The proposed rates are calculated to cover the current actual and estimated costs of solid waste disposal, recycling, and related services for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Costs to be recovered are those for ongoing operations, new and replacement capital equipment, and disposal fees. The Town entered into a solid waste Franchise Agreement with Mammoth Disposal in October 2020, which established a base rate and rate increases of 5.6% per year from 2022 through 2026. In October 2022, Town Council adopted an updated rate structure to address actual costs that have increased at levels above the initially estimated amounts for operation of programs and services, solid waste collection, disposal, new facility construction, recycling, and implementation of new state mandates. From 2024 through 2026 rates and charges will increase a minimum 6.6% and a maximum of 9.6%, which includes the base increase of 5.6% plus a 1% to 4% increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as defined, for August of each year, effective the following January 1st. In 2027 new base rates will increase a minimum 1% and maximum 4% based on CPI.

Due to increased hauling costs, the base rate proposed for 2024 will increase by an additional 2.94%, for a total increase in 2024 of 11.87%. A separate fuel surcharge (FSC) of 4.48% (adjusted every 6 months) will be added to all billing. The residential rate for single-family home transfer station users will increase from \$77.30 quarterly in 2023 to \$86.50 in 2024 (rates are rounded to nearest 10 cents). The rates for duplexes and triplexes will increase from \$157.70 and 230.30, respectively, to \$176.40 and \$257.60. The monthly charge for 2-cubic yard bin service collected two times a week will increase from \$417.50 to \$467.00. All other residential and commercial services will also increase at the rate of 11.87%, plus the additional FSC. The enclosed rate sheet provides details on the proposed rates for 2024 and the minimum and maximum rates per year through 2027. A report describing the cost and operational details is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. For questions, please call (760) 965-3603.

Members of the public are welcome to discuss the proposed rates and are encouraged to do so at the public hearing. Any property owner whose property is subject to the proposed increases to the rates for the solid waste services and any tenant directly responsible for the payment of such fees (i.e., a customer of record) may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases; provided, however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must: (1) state that the identified property owner or tenant is in opposition to the proposed rate increases; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. If the person submitting the written protest is the owner of record but was not shown on Mono County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner, that person must provide written evidence that the person is the property owner. Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the Town Clerk at the address shown above, at the public hearing (date and time noted above), or by email to [jgray@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](mailto:jgray@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov) provided they are received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing. If submitting a protest by mail, please provide sufficient time for it to arrive prior to the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing. Identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, mailed or submitted in person to the Town Clerk, Attn: Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rate Increases.

The Town Council will consider all written protests and hear and consider all oral comments to the proposed rate increases and annual rate adjustments at the public hearing. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the public hearing, the Town Council will consider adoption of the rate increases to the Town's solid waste service fees as described herein. If written protests against the proposed rate increases are not presented by a majority of the property owners, or tenants directly responsible for the payment of the solid waste service fees, of the identified parcels upon which the rates are proposed to be imposed, the Town Council will be authorized to impose the rate increases as outlined above. If adopted, the proposed rate increases will take effect beginning February 1, 2024.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk  
Date posted and mailed: December 1, 2023



Jamie

I don't feel their rates should be  
revised! I have been thru to drop off trash,  
been treated rudely, lectured over a paint  
spray can & shamed in front of other  
customers. Does the Town not monitor  
them? They don't take so many things  
... sealant (empty) etc... and I don't mind  
paying if necessary for that is expected.  
They are our trash disposal place and they  
are given this contract yet don't provide  
good service or disposal of so many  
things! The price is higher than \$  
many places who actually pick up  
our cans in front of our homes! I would  
like my comment read at the public comment  
since I cannot attend.

Also many times there are employees doing nothing so  
they need more \$ money? Terrible management

Notice of Objection to Increases to Solid Waste Disposal Charges and Rates

Comments by Property Owner

Name: Nicholas and Karin Mosich

Address: 106 Beaver Trail

APN: 031-160-010-000

My objection to the requested rate increases is based upon the lack of information provided in your notice letter. There is no financial disclosure provided! There should be exhibits showing the operating costs( minimum at summary level) as originally forecasted, the revised costs and incremental changes. There is also no explanation for capital construction, whether these charges are amortized and over what life span. No explanation of cost of capital and fuel surcharge levies. This type of contract negotiation promotes inefficiencies and incentives for increasing costs to maximize corporate profits.

In addition, since the State of California has mandated green waste recycling, there is no provision in the current rate structure for the acceptance at the transfer station for green waste other than pine needles. With costs of green waste disposal arbitrarily determined at drop off, this is a disincentive to recycle green waste and promotes illegal dumping of wastes on the numerous dirt roads in the area.

For these reasons I am opposed to some automatic indexing of solid waste pricing increases without more transparency and disclosure.

Warmly



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