

Submitted by: Chair of the  
Assembly at  
the Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Solid Waste  
Services  
For reading: October 25, 2022

**ANCHORAGE ALASKA  
AO No. 2022-91(S-1)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 26.80.050  
AND 26.80.070 TO INCREASE RATES FOR THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES DISPOSAL  
UTILITY.**

**THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.80.050 is amended to read as follows:

**26.80.050 Charges**

A. *Fee schedule for secured loads.* The following solid waste disposal user charges shall apply to secured loads:

1. Each user who delivers solid waste to a solid waste transfer or disposal facility in a vehicle shall pay a fee of \$8.00 [6.00] for each load of one cubic yard or less. However, if the solid waste delivered in the vehicle is contained in four or fewer conventional garbage cans or four or fewer conventional plastic garbage bags, the user fee shall be \$3.00 [2.00].
2. Each user who delivers between one and five cubic yards of solid waste, which does not exceed 1,000 pounds in weight, to a solid waste disposal facility that is hauled in a standard unmodified pickup truck, passenger van, or trailer, whose bed and load does not exceed 96 inches in length, 66 inches in width and 36 inches in height, shall pay a fee of \$18.00 [16.00]. for each load. Each user who delivers a load of similar weight and dimension to a solid waste transfer facility shall pay a fee of \$18.00 [16.00]. for each load. Any user who disagrees with the attendant's estimate of the volume, dimension, or weight shall have their load weighed and be charged in accordance with subsection A.3. or A.4. of this section.

**a. Commercial Construction/Demolition Debris (CDD) will be \$110.00 per ton.**

3. Except as provided in section 26.80.055, at a solid waste transfer or disposal facility that has operational scales, each user who does not

1 meet the requirements of subsections A.1. through A.2. of this  
2 section shall have their load weighed and pay the greater of \$18.00  
3 [16.00] per load or \$76.47 [71.97] per ton at the solid waste disposal  
4 facility and the greater of \$22.00 [21.00] per load or \$89.21 [83.96]  
5 per ton at a solid waste transfer facility.  
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7 4. At a solid waste transfer or disposal facility that does not have  
8 operational scales, each user who does not meet the requirements  
9 of subsections A.1. through A.2. of this section shall pay \$11.25 per  
10 cubic yard of non-compacted solid waste or \$22.50 per cubic yard of  
11 compacted solid waste as measured by the facility attendant.  
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13 5. Yard debris or food scraps delivered to the Anchorage Regional  
14 Landfill in quantities greater than a cubic yard for composting or  
15 alternative uses are subject to a fee equal to one-half (1/2) the per  
16 ton rate at the solid waste disposal facility, as described in A.3. of  
17 this section. Loads must be free of contaminants to qualify as  
18 compostable and must be segregated from other waste streams.  
19 This fee does not apply to wood lot deliveries.  
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21 6. The solid waste disposal facility may accept certain materials at  
22 reduced tipping fees when the material can be used to beneficially  
23 offset landfill construction materials the Municipality would have to  
24 otherwise purchase or produce. These materials include but are not  
25 limited to daily cover materials, pipe bedding, and topsoil.  
26 Acceptance at a reduced tipping fee shall be at the sole discretion of  
27 the General Manager or their designee depending on the nature of  
28 the material and the demand for the material and its suitability for  
29 use at the landfill. Acceptability and reduced tipping fees shall be  
30 determined by the General Manager prior to delivery to the landfill  
31 and shall be based on the relative benefit to the Municipality for the  
32 operation of the landfill.  
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34 7. The General Manager may allow the disposal of certain solid wastes  
35 generated outside the boundaries of the municipality if it is  
36 determined that:  
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38 a. No other acceptable disposal sites are reasonably available  
39 within the state for the solid waste; and  
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41 b. The solid waste can be safely and efficiently disposed of at  
42 the Anchorage Regional Landfill; and  
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44 c. The solid waste will not significantly impact the capacity of the  
45 Anchorage Regional Landfill.  
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The fee charged for disposal of solid waste generated outside the boundaries of the municipality shall be double the charges contained in subsections A.3. and A.4. of this section.

8. Disposal of used motor oil and hazardous waste, and recycling of non-residential electronics waste, shall be subject to the following:
  - a. Each residential user may deliver up to five gallons per day of used motor oil for no charge. Residential users who deliver used motor oil in excess of five gallons per day but less than ten gallons per day in containers not exceeding five gallons in size shall be charged \$1.00 per gallon.
  - b. Each residential user may deliver up to 40 pounds per day, and a maximum of 200 pounds per month, of household hazardous waste, excluding electronic wastes, to the hazardous waste facilities located at the Central Transfer Station or Anchorage Regional Landfill for no charge.
  - c. Each residential user who delivers more than 40 pounds per day of household hazardous waste and very small quantity generators, as defined by 40 CFR 262.14, who deliver hazardous waste to the hazardous waste facility located at the Anchorage Regional Landfill shall pay the appropriate amounts from the following schedule:

**HOUSEHOLD AND VERY SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS  
HAZARDOUS WASTE PRICE SHEET**

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| Flammable paint and paint-related products        | \$1.00/lb. |
| Latex Paint and latex paint-related products      | 0.50/lb.   |
| Non-chlorinated solvents                          | 0.75/lb.   |
| Corrosive materials                               | 0.50/lb.   |
| Gasoline, diesel, fuel oils, and related products | 0.70/lb.   |
| Chlorinated solvents                              | 1.50/lb.   |
| Oxidizers and peroxides                           | 5.00/lb.   |
| Other reactive chemicals                          | 25.00/lb.  |
| Unknowns  | 1.00/lb.   |
| Poisons   | 1.00/lb.   |
| Lubricating oils                                  | 1.00/gal.  |
| Antifreeze  | 1.00/gal.  |
| Other regulated material                          | 0.50/lb.   |
| Batteries, lead acid                              | 5.00/ea.   |
| Batteries, Other                                  | 0.75/lb.   |
| PCBs: Residential regulated ballasts, only        | 1.00/lb.   |
| Photo chemicals                                   | 1.50/gal.  |

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| All others                           | 1.00/lb. |
| Miscellaneous nonhazardous materials | 0.25/lb. |

Note: The Municipality and its contractor may reject unlabeled or improperly labeled containers of unknown content, or materials considered too dangerous to safely handle at the Hazardous Waste Facility; at the discretion of the facility operator.

d. The solid waste disposal utility will collect waste motor oil and hazardous waste at the customer's premise for \$168.75 per pick up. This fee is in addition to the fees listed in subsection 26.80.050A.7.c.

e. Hazardous waste generated by small quantity generators and large quantity generators as defined by 40 CFR 262.13 cannot be accepted at municipal hazardous waste facilities.

f. Air conditioning and refrigeration equipment containing either chlorofluorocarbon (CFCs) and/or hydro-chlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) shall not be disposed of in the Anchorage Regional Landfill. CFCs and HCFCs will be removed by the solid waste disposal utility for an extra charge of \$27.00 [25.50] for each air conditioning and refrigeration unit. Refrigeration units must be emptied of all contents before delivery to the landfill or transfer station.

g. Generators of electronics waste may recycle computer monitors, Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs), other circuit board-containing components, cables, and hand-held electronic devices at the hazardous waste facility located at the Anchorage Regional Landfill, according to the following:

- i. CRTs and LCDs larger than 10 inches ..... 30.00
- ii. CRTS greater than 19 inches .....35.00
- iii. Other E-waste ..... 0.50 per pound
- iv. Cables ..... No charge

9. For all items that require special handling by solid waste disposal personnel when they are received at all disposal sites, the user shall be charged \$178.42 [167.92] per hour. This charge will be in addition to the charges stated in subsections A.3. and A.4.of this section and will be charged in one-half-hour increments. Special handling will include but not be limited to items such as large animals, asbestos, drugs and tobacco, and confidential documents.

B. *Fee schedule for unsecured loads.*

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1. Unsecured loads transported by cars, pickups, or trailers eight feet or less in length shall be charged \$30.00 more than the secured load charge described in subsection A. of this section.
2. All other unsecured loads shall be charged \$60.00 more than the secured load charge described in subsection A. of this section.

C. *Municipal disposal permit accounts.*

1. Individuals or firms which regularly use the municipal disposal facilities may obtain a permit card badge that authorizes the extension of credit for disposal service transactions. Applications for a permit card badge may be obtained at the Solid Waste Services Customer Service department. All applications shall be signed by an authorized agent of the individual or firm applying for the permit card badge. All applications are subject to approval by the General Manager, Solid Waste Services [DEPARTMENT], or designee.
2. Approved applicants will be supplied one permit card badge at no charge. Additional or replacement badges will be issued for a charge of \$7.00 [6.38] per badge.
  - a. RFID Window Stickers will be supplied one per vehicle, to be attached and associated to one license plate number for a fee of \$20.00
3. Customers will not be allowed to charge transactions unless they present a valid permit card badge to the weigh station attendant.
4. Charges for which credit is extended under a permit account will be billed monthly on the solid waste utility billing statement.
5. Failure to maintain a permit account in a current condition may subject the permit to cancellation at any time without notice to the permit holder.

D. *Definitions.*

*Secured load*, as used in this section, means a load of solid waste that has been tied or covered in the vehicle in a manner that will prevent any part of the solid waste from leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving and so that the load shall not be in violation of subsection 15.20.020B.6.

*Contaminants*, as used in this section, refer to any material found in recycling or organics collection that is not accepted in those programs per the SWS website.

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2 *Yard debris or food scraps*, as used in this section, refer to organic matter that can  
3 be recycled into compost. A full list of acceptable materials is available on the SWS  
4 website.

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6 (AO No. 82-224; AO No. 83-196; AO No. 83-221; AO No. 85-9; AO No. 86-203,  
7 1-9-87; AO No. 87-19, 4-1-87; AO No. 89-2; AO No. 93-96(S), § 1, 5-11-93; AO  
8 No. 96-18(S), § 1, 4-9-96; AO No. 96-100, § 1, 1-1-96; AO No. 99-107, § 1, 8-  
9 10-99; AO No. 2003-76, § 1, 5-13-03; AO No. 2005-13, § 2, 2-15-05; AO No.  
10 2007-146(S), § 2, 4-1-08; AO No. 2008-83, § 1, 4-1-09; AO No. 2010-81(S-1), §  
11 34, 12-7-10, eff. 1-1-11; AO No. 2011-120(S), § 1, 12-13-11, eff. 4-1-12; AO No.  
12 2018-99 , § 1, 1-1-19; AO 2019-125, § 1, 1-1-20; AO No. 2020-92, AO No.  
13 2021-105§ 1, eff. 1-1-22))

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15 **Section 2.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.80.070 is amended to read as follows:

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18 **26.80.070 - Surcharges to support community recycling initiatives.**

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20 A. The solid waste disposal utility shall implement community-wide initiatives  
21 to support the reduction, recycling, and reuse of waste products otherwise  
22 disposed of at the landfill.
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24 B. The solid waste disposal utility shall collect a surcharge on all wastes  
25 delivered to solid waste transfer or disposal facilities to finance the  
26 implementation of these initiatives.
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28 1. Each user delivering waste to a solid waste transfer or disposal  
29 facility in quantities weighing less [MORE] than 1,000 pounds, and  
30 with a total volume of less than five cubic yards shall be assessed a  
31 surcharge to the existing disposal fee of \$2.00 per visit.
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33 2. At solid waste transfer or disposal facilities with working scales, each  
34 user delivering waste in quantities weighing more than 1,000 pounds  
35 or with a total volume greater than five cubic yards shall be assessed  
36 a surcharge, added to the existing tipping fee of \$2.00 per ton of  
37 waste delivered.
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39 3. At a solid waste transfer or disposal facility with no operational  
40 scales, each user meets the requirements of subsection B.1. shall  
41 pay a surcharge to the existing tipping fee of:
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43 a. \$0.50 per cubic yard of non-compacted solid waste, as  
44 measured by the facility attendant;
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b. \$0.75 per cubic yard of compacted solid waste, as measured by the facility attendant.

C. Fees collected through the surcharge in this chapter shall be used by the solid waste disposal utility for capital development costs, operating costs, consulting fees, and management fees associated with recycling programs, as approved by the General Manager. Fees may also be used to offset lost revenues to the disposal utility incurred due to the diversion of waste tonnages to recycling efforts.

(AO No. 2008-62(S), § 1, 8-1-08; AO No. 2011-120(S), § 2, 12-13-11, eff. 4-1-12; AO No. 2012-33, § 1, 4-1-12, AO No. 2019-125, § 2, 1-1-20; AO No. 2020-92, AO No. 2021-105 § 2, eff. 1-1-22)

**Section 3. The Municipal Assembly hereby authorizes the Solid Waste Services Disposal Utility (SWSDU) to increase rates in the following years by the following percentage increases to increase annual revenues by such percentage increase.**

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Percentage Increase</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| <u>2024</u> | <u>5.00%</u>               |
| <u>2025</u> | <u>6.00%</u>               |
| <u>2026</u> | <u>5.00%</u>               |
| <u>2027</u> | <u>6.80%</u>               |
| <u>2028</u> | <u>2.90%</u>               |

**In each of the noted years, during the preparation of the SWSDU budget, the Administration will review the required revenues to meet any and all debt covenants and consider any SWSDU business variables that have changed and will adjust future rates, up or down, to continue to comply with such covenants.**

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 25th day of October, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Chair

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Municipal Clerk