

RESOLUTION 24-11202

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SOLID WASTE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEES AND LANDFILL USE FEES

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

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Schedule I – Residential and Mobile Home Collection and Disposal Fees

Monthly Fees (for unit occupied by 1 family)

96 Gallon Containers

Residential	\$ 14.50	
Mobile home located in mobile park	\$ 14.50	
Residential carry out service (medical necessity verification required)	\$ 14.50	
64 Gallon Residential	\$ 10.35	
Additional black 96 gallon barrel	\$ 4.85	
Residential landfill fees for new annexed property (not yet receiving City collection)	\$ 4.40	
Extras per item - Call in only	\$ 5.25	
Bulky items - special pickup due to size or quantity	\$ 57.50	1-5 items
	\$ 115.00	6-10 items
	\$ 172.50	>10 items
Refrigerator/freezer/air conditioner	\$ 84.00	per pickup
NSF/Returned item fee	\$ 25.00	per occurrence

Schedule II – Commercial Collection and Disposal Fees

Commercial collection service is available subject to Solid Waste Division approval of container type, size, placement, and serviceability.

Fees per Month for Customer Owned Containers

Container Size	PER WEEK FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Saturday
Extra Volume	\$ 9.01						
90 Gallon Barrel	\$ 22.20						
300 Gallon Barrel	\$ 49.63						
30 Gallon Can	\$ 8.80	\$ 17.60	\$ 26.40	\$ 35.20	\$ 44.00	\$ 55.02	\$ 17.60
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Container Size		
< 6 yards	\$	26.75
6 or 8 yards	\$	35.15

Additional compactor truck service will be billed at the hourly rates as follows with a 1-hour minimum:

Compactor truck, 1 person \$ 123.00
Compactor truck, 2 people \$ 167.50

Additional commercial services:

Special event barrel rental/delivery	\$ 145.00	per event
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Container wash	\$ 123.50	
Delivery charge for front or rear load	\$ 55.00	
Daily rental fee for front or rear load	\$ 6.25	
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Dry Run	\$ 53.00	
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Unit relocation (on same site)	\$ 91.50	
Compactor turnaround fee	\$ 53.50	
Daily rental for temporary roll off containers	\$ 6.10	
300 cubic yard roll off - cash only	\$ 395.00	Minimum charge
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Disposal rates are charged per Schedule III.

Schedule III – Landfill Fees

	ORIGIN OF WASTE ¹			
	City of Billings	Other MT Towns & Counties	Outside of Montana	
All businesses will be charged at least \$9.65				
0 - 3.0 cubic yards or 0 - 1500 lbs ²	\$ -	\$ 14.50	\$ 19.30	
Municipal solid waste, construction & demolition, etc. (per ton)	\$ 27.80	\$ 41.70	\$ 55.60	
Special Waste (per ton) ³	\$ 56.85	\$ 85.28	\$ 113.70	
<u>Asbestos</u>				
Per ton	\$ 102.30	\$ 153.45	\$ 204.60	
Per bag	\$ 14.05	\$ 21.08	\$ 28.10	
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<u>Clean Soil</u> ⁴	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<u>Dead Animals</u>				
Animals < 100 pounds	\$ 17.95	\$ 26.93	\$ 35.90	
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Per ton	\$ 80.10	\$ 120.15	\$ 160.20	
<u>FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease)</u> ⁵	\$ 27.80	\$ 27.80		N/A
<u>Mobile Home Trailers</u>	\$ 450.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 900.00	
<u>Refrigeration Units</u>				
Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners (Each Unit)	\$ 37.40	\$ 56.10	\$ 74.80	
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the 28th day of May 2024.



CITY OF BILLINGS

By: William A. Cole
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Denise R. Bohlman
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk

City Council Regular

Date: 05/28/2024
Title: Public Hearing and Resolution Adopting Solid Waste Collection, Disposal, and Landfill Fees for Fiscal Year 2025
Presented by: Jennifer Duray
Department: Public Works
Presentation: Yes
Legal Review: Yes
Project Number: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct a public hearing and approve the resolution adopting collection, disposal, and landfill fees effective July 1, 2024.

BACKGROUND (Consistency with Adopted Plans and Policies, if applicable)

Section 21-229 of the Billings, Montana City Code (BMCC) requires that the City Council adopt the Solid Waste collection and disposal charges and the landfill fees annually by resolution. The existing solid waste rates and fees are not adequate for the operation and maintenance and capital investment necessary to continue providing service at the current level. The recommended rate and fee adjustments include the following:

- 4.3% increase in residential collection fees;
- 4.2% increase in commercial collection fees;
- 6% increase in dropbox/roll-off collection rates;
- 6.9% increase in landfill fees.

The attached resolution specifies the proposed rates and fees for FY25. A public hearing is required and if the proposed resolution is approved, rates will be effective July 1, 2024.

ALTERNATIVES

City Council may:

- Approve the recommended resolution; or,
- Not approve the resolution. If Council does not approve the resolution, an amended resolution to establish Solid Waste fees for FY25 will need to be considered at a future City Council meeting.

FISCAL EFFECTS

The proposed rate and fee adjustments will generate approximately \$562,000 in residential and commercial collection revenues, \$95,000 in roll-off revenues, and \$497,000 in landfill revenues for a total increase to the solid waste fund of \$1,154,000 for FY25.

Attachments

Resolution
Presentation

Res. 24-11202

Approved 10-1

COUNCIL ACTION

Kennedy opposed

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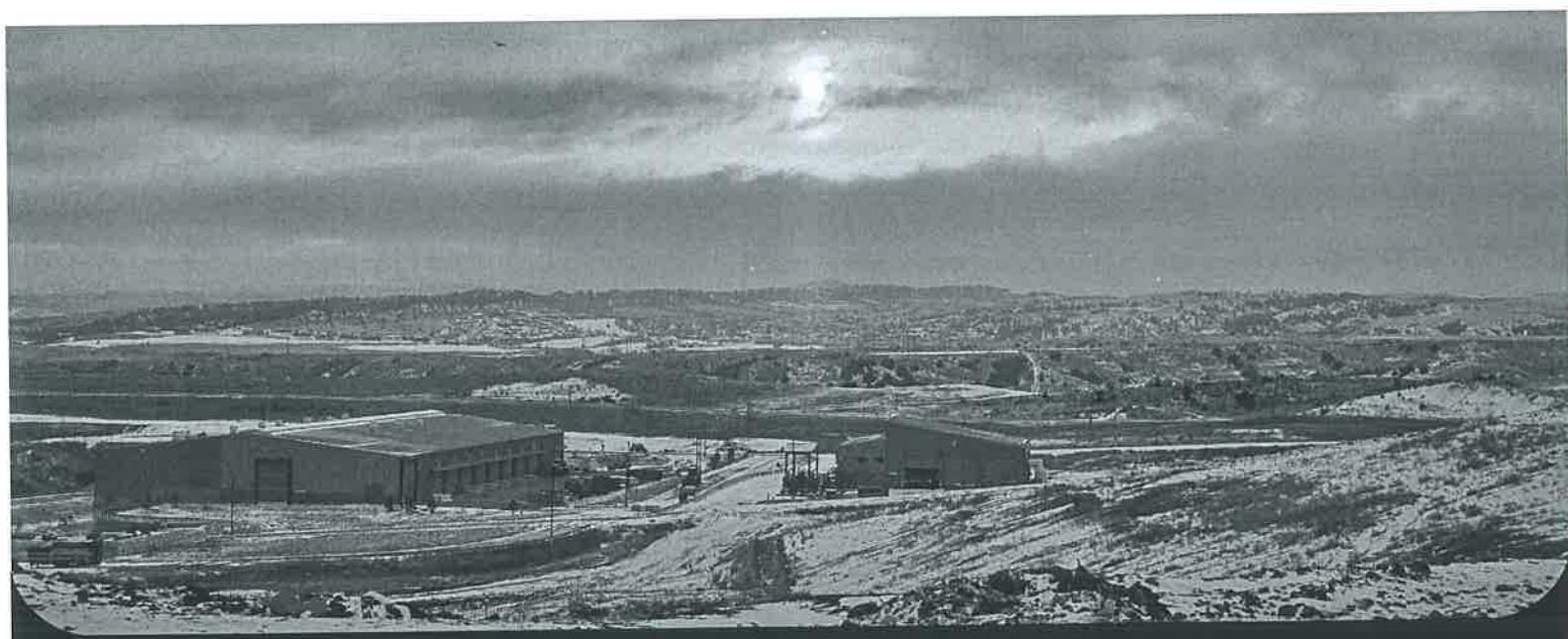
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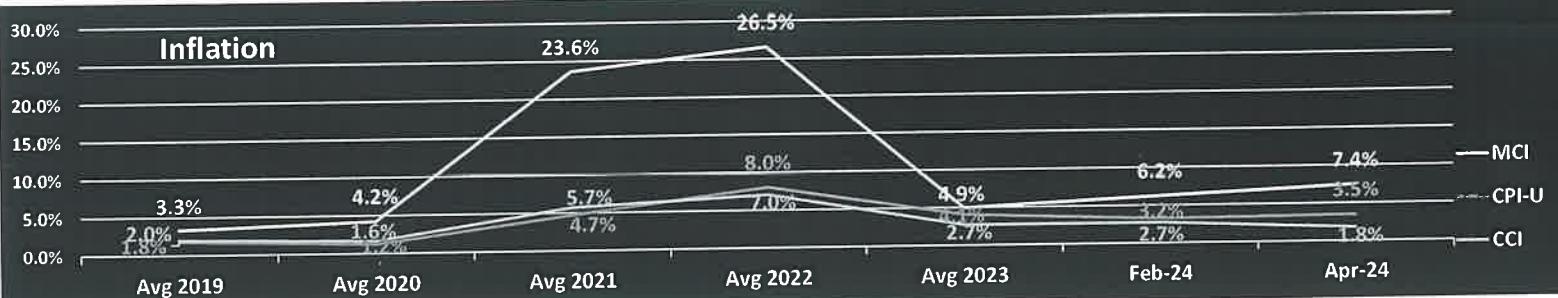


A black and white aerial photograph showing a large industrial complex with several large buildings and a network of roads. In the foreground, there is a large, open area that appears to be a waste disposal site or a construction area, with visible piles of earth and debris. The background shows a flat landscape with some distant buildings under a cloudy sky.

FY25 Solid Waste Fees

Rate Increase Drivers

- \$420,000 - Landfill closure/post-closure costs
- \$110,000 - Solid waste master plan
- \$735,000 – Motor vehicle parts and labor
- \$386,509 – City cost allocations/rent and property/liability insurance
- \$4,180,000 – Replacement of 10 solid waste trucks

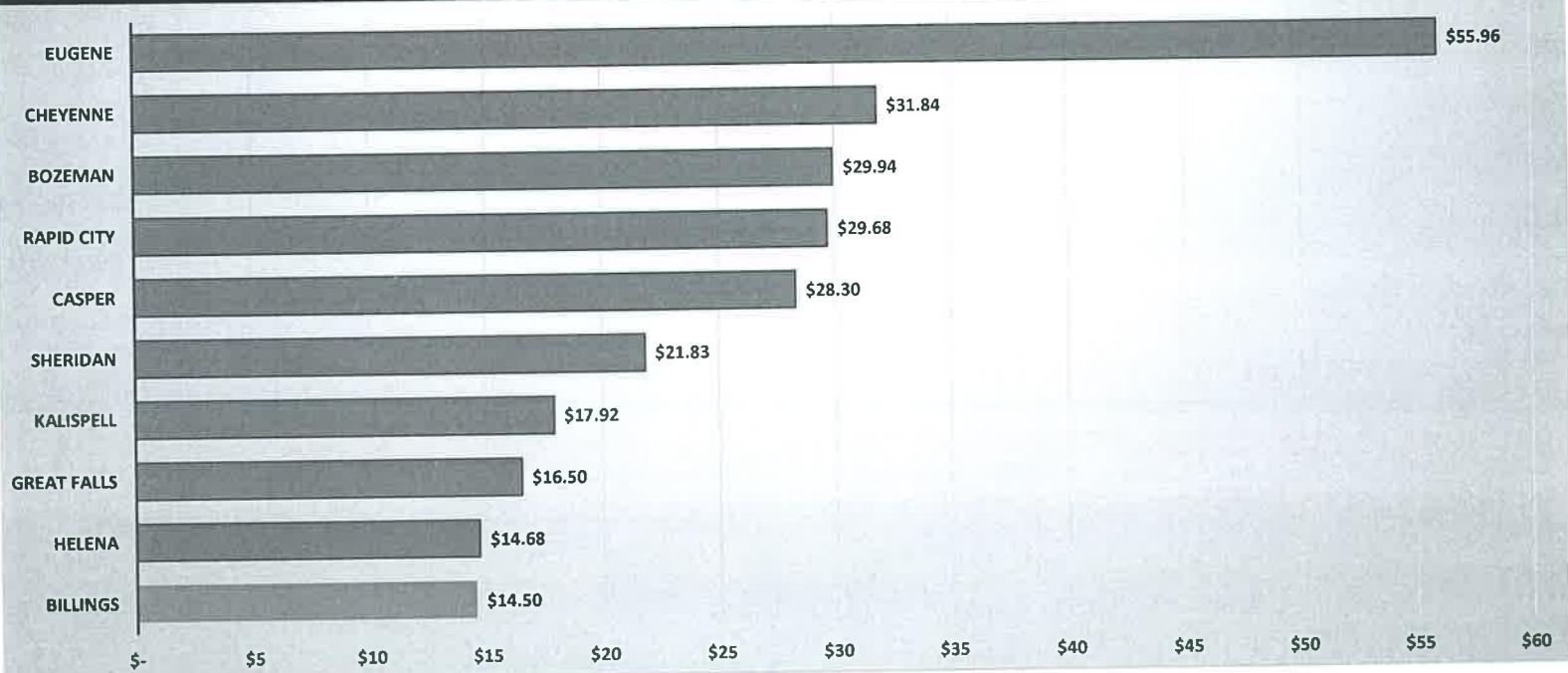


Solid Waste Collection Fees

Service	FY24	FY25	\$ Increase	% Increase
Monthly residential 96-gallon container	\$13.90	\$14.50	\$0.60	4.3%
Monthly residential 64-gallon container	\$9.90	\$10.35	\$0.45	4.5%
Additional black 96-gallon container	\$4.50	\$4.85	\$0.35	7.8%
Extras per item (call in)	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$0.25	5.0%
Commercial 8 yard, 2x/week	\$166.22	\$173.14	\$6.92	4.2%
Roll-off	\$200.00	\$212.00	\$12.00	6.0%

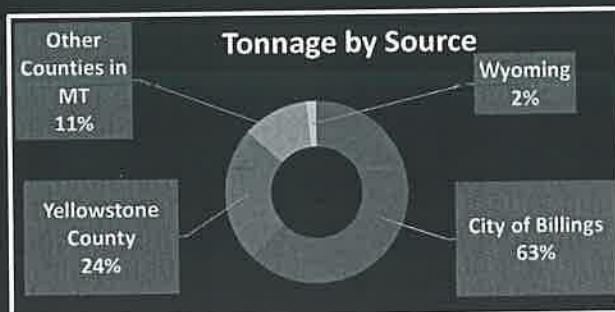


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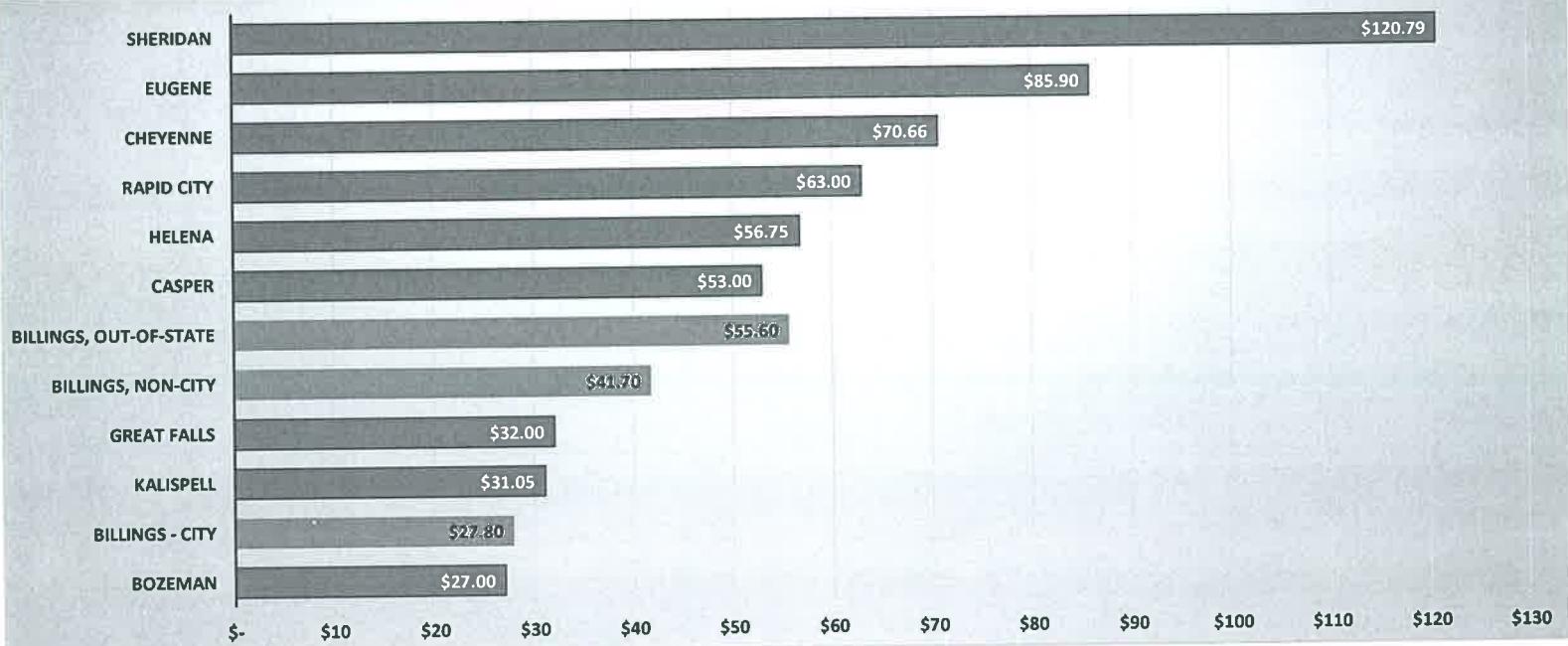


Landfill Fees

Landfill Fees	FY24	FY25	\$ Increase	% Increase
Landfill fee per ton – Billings	\$26.00	\$27.80	\$1.80	6.9%
Landfill fee per ton – outside Billings	\$39.00	\$41.70	\$2.70	6.9%
Landfill fee per ton – out of state	\$52.00	\$55.60	\$3.60	6.9%



Landfill Fee Comparison Per Ton





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