

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20162

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SET FEES CHARGED FOR DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE AT THE CITY OF HELENA TRANSFER STATION

WHEREAS, the City of Helena operates the “Transfer Station” to provide sanitary disposal of garbage and refuse, collection of recyclable materials, composting, collection of priority waste, and diversion of usable material; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to recover the costs of doing business at its transfer station, as well as the tipping fee charged by the County for use of the landfill for refuse and/or construction & demolition waste; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to establish such rates as may be necessary to operate its facilities to insure a positive cash flow; and

WHEREAS, a recent efficiency study showed that the Transfer Station, and other aspects of Helena’s Solid Waste System have opportunities to be more efficient, should include household hazardous waste events common in similarly sized communities, and that residents in and outside the city utilize and support items such as increased recycling and continued weekend service; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the City of Helena and the inhabitants thereof that the Helena City Commission set appropriate fees to be charged for use of the Transfer Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. That it is the intention of the Helena City Commission to adopt the following transfer station fees:

A. The following tipping fees apply to all Transfer Station customers:

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| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
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| * Minimum transaction/tipping fee: | \$ 7.00 | \$6.25/\$0.00 (no minimum fee for permit <30 visits) |
| Transfer Station Tipping Fee | \$39.50 | \$30.75 |
| Landfill Tipping Fee | <u>31.25</u> | <u>31.25</u> |
| Total Tipping Fee | \$70.75/Ton | \$62.00/Ton |

*Exceptions: Minimum fee does not apply to residential permit holders for first 30 visits during the fiscal year or to renter recycling permits for the first six visits to the facility. City of Helena may establish a limited recycling permit for purchase that could include limited number of trips, limited hours, or other restrictions for traffic flow and/or other efficiency goals.

The total tipping fee is applied to all garbage, refuse, recyclable materials, and diverted materials at the transfer station. The cost of clean loads of recycled materials are charged to either the City of Helena Residential fund, other participating districts, or other governmental entities that have a transfer station agreement with the City of Helena, but is not counted as tonnage against permits.

B. Any additional charges or tipping fees can be paid by using any residential permit credit granted by the City of Helena, Scratch Gravel or other participating districts:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
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| Appliances with refrigerants (limit 2 units per year) | \$ 7.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$ 10.00/15.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| Tires: | | |
| Passenger and light truck (up to 20" inside diameter) | \$ 2.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$ 5.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| Passenger and light truck tires on rim (up to 20" inside diameter) | \$ 5.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$ 10.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| *Oversized tires (over 20" inside diameter, but less than 25") | \$10.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$0.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| *Tires with a larger than 25" inside diameter not to exceed 48" outside diameter | \$ 25.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$0.00 each (plus tipping fee) |

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*Tires larger than a 48" outside diameter are not accepted.

Electronic Waste:

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| All E-waste | Various | One Monitor/year; *Market Rate, *\$1.50 effective July 1 (Plus tipping fee) |
| Household Hazardous Waste Events | NEW | Varies by item & weight or volume. |

* Residential permit holders may use 75% of the cash value of their permit for above charges per the value set by their residential assessment in City of Helena or Scratch Gravel Landfill District.

C. The following additional charges apply to all commercial customers or any residential customer that exceeds the yearly per item limit:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
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| Appliances with refrigerants (No limit) | \$ 7.00/\$14.00 (plus tipping fee) | \$10.00/15.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| Tires: | | |
| Passenger and light truck (up to 20" inside diameter) | \$ 2.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$5.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| Passenger and light truck tires on rim (up to 20" inside diameter) | \$ 5.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$10.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| *Oversized tires (over 20" inside diameter, but less than 25") | \$10.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$0.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| *Tires with a larger than 25" inside diameter not to exceed 48" outside diameter | \$ 25.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$0.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| *Commercial truck tires (off the rim) | \$ 0.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$15.00 each (plus tipping fee) |
| *Commercial truck tires (on the rim) | \$ 0.00 each (plus tipping fee) | \$ 25.00 each (plus tipping fee) |

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Electronic Waste:

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| Computer Monitors/Televisions | Various | *Market Rate, *\$1.50 effective July 1 (plus tipping fee) |
| All other E-waste | Various | *Market Rate, *0.00 per item effective July 1 |
| Household Hazardous Waste Event | NEW | Varies by item & weight or volume. |

Exceptions:

*Transfer Station may update cost per item on a quarterly basis subject to change on July 1, November 1, January 1, and April 1; or with one months notice at scale.

Transfer Station may reduce tipping fee rate by up to 25% for diversion programs on a trial basis to be approved by City Commission during fiscal year 2016.

Section 2. The value of residential permit fee will be based on budget policy and related resolutions set by the governing bodies of the City of Helena, Scratch Gravel Landfill District, and Lewis & Clark County.

Anticipated Fiscal Year 2016 Permit Values and Direct Transfers:

City of Helena:

- Recycling and Operations Transfer (to be credited per commodity, oil sales, & like)
- 3000 lbs for refuse, green waste; 1,000 if part of curbside recycling program; 75% of cash value may to used for special charges listed in section #B.
- Minimum fee applies after 30 visits to facility; 6 visits per renter permit.

Scratch Gravel Landfill District:

- Recycling and Operations Transfer (to be credited per commodity, oil sales, & like)
- 1,500 lbs for refuse and green waste at above tipping rates; 75% of cash value may to used for special charges listed in section #B.
- Minimum fee applies after 30 visits to facility; 6 visits per renter permit.

Section 3. General Definitions.

Diversion – Includes the diversion of green waste for composting with biosolids

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that prevents landfill fires and saves tipping fees; soft fill (clean brick, concrete, asphalt, and like); untreated wood waste, and like material that can be diverted from the landfill and save tipping fees.

Priority Waste – Motor Oil, Electronic Waste, Household Hazardous Waste, and other material that should be reused, recycled and/or properly disposed to prevent items from impacting human or environmental health in the greater Helena area.

Section 4. A public hearing on this Resolution of Intention will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th day of June, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers in the City-County Building at 316 North Park Avenue in Helena, Montana, at which time the Commission will hear objections to the final adoption of this resolution.

Section 5. The City Clerk or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to publish in the Independent Record, the official newspaper of the City of Helena, a notice of the passage of this resolution of intention at said time and place, when and where this matter will come up for hearing of objections and final adoption, and stating that the resolution is on file in the City Clerk's office for inspection.

**PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA,
MONTANA, THIS 18th DAY OF MAY, 2015.**

/S/ JAMES E. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION