

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
IN CONNECTION WITH
THE CITY OF HIGHLAND REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 22nd day of June, 2021, at the hour of 6 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider the matters described below. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic public health orders, which limit in-person public meetings, the Public Hearing will be held either in the City Hall Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California, 92346, or in another manner specified in the meeting agenda. Please check the June 9, 2021 City Council agenda once it is posted on the City's website <http://www.cityofhighland.org> for information as to how to participate in the City Council meeting. The agenda will be posted at least 72 hours before the start of the meeting.

Proposed Increase to the charges for Refuse Collection Services (i.e., trash, recycling and green waste collection) for the City of Highland ("Charges"). The City's Refuse Collection Services provider, Burrtec Waste Industries Inc., is requesting an increase in the Charges for Refuse Collection Services. If approved, the proposed increases will become effective July 1, 2021. The following are the proposed increases (excerpts of the proposed rates):

<u>Category</u>	<u>Existing Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge</u>
Residential Curbside Rate	\$28.30/month	\$29.64/month
Senior Rate	\$22.64/month	\$23.71/month
Second Unit	\$27.92/month	\$29.24/month
Commercial 3/cu.yd. bin	\$237.17/month	\$260.48/month

A complete rate adjustment schedule and information as to how the increase is calculated is available for inspection in the Public Services Division at City Hall and on the City's website <http://www.cityofhighland.org>.

At the Public Hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the proposed increase to the Charges. Any property owner subject to the proposed increase to the Charges may submit a written protest against the proposed increase. To be counted, a written protest against the proposed increase must (1) identify the parcel of property subject to the Charges, (2) identify the owner, (3) state the opposition to the proposed increase, and (4) include the signature of the owner. A majority protest exists if at the end of the Public Hearing, there are written protests submitted (and not withdrawn) by the owners of a majority of the parcels subject to the proposed increase. No more than one written protest per parcel of property will be counted in calculating a majority protest. The City Council cannot adopt the proposed increase if a majority protest exists.

Proposed collection of Charges for residential customers on the County tax roll

The Charges for residential customers are collected on the County Tax Roll in the same manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as, together with and not separately from the general taxes of the City, and all laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of general taxes of the City, including, but not limited to, those pertaining to the matters of delinquency, correction, cancellation, refund and redemptions, shall be applicable to the Charges.

The City Council has caused a written report ("Report") to be prepared and filed with the City Clerk regarding the levy of the Charges for residential customers for Fiscal Year 2021-22. A copy of the Report will be available on June 4, 2021 in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 27215 Base Line, Highland, CA, 92346 and on the City's website <http://www.cityofhighland.org>. The Report contains a description of each residential parcel in the City and the proposed amount of the Charge for each such Parcel for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

At the Public Hearing, the City Council will also hear and consider all objections or protests against the collection of the Charges for residential customers on the County Tax Roll. Any owner of residential property may submit a written protest against the proposed collection of the Charges on the County Tax Roll. To be counted, a written protest against the collection of the Charges on the County tax Roll must (1) identify the parcel of property subject to the Charges, (2) identify the owner, (3) state the opposition to the collection on the County Tax Roll, and (4) include the signature of the owner. A majority protest exists if at the end of the Public Hearing, there are written or oral protests against the collection of the Charges on the County Tax Roll submitted (and not withdrawn) by the owners of a majority of separate parcels of property identified in the Written Report. No more than one protest per parcel of property will be counted in calculating a majority protest. If a majority protest exists, the City may bill the owners of the parcels of property for the Charges, but the City cannot collect the Charges on the County Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Written protests against the proposed increase or collection on the Tax Roll may be mailed to the City Clerk, City Hall, 27215 Base Line, Highland, CA 92346. To avoid physical contact, the City strongly encourages you to submit your written protests by mail with sufficient time to arrive at City Hall prior to the Public Hearing. If you would like to personally deliver a written protest, please contact the City Clerk at (909) 864-6864, ext. 226, to make arrangements for the personal delivery of the written protest. Protests which are mailed or delivered to City Hall must arrive at City Hall prior to 5:30 p.m. on June 22, 2021, to be counted.

Please consult the agenda for the June 22, 2021, meeting for how to submit a written or oral protest at the Public Hearing prior to the end of the Public Hearing.

If you challenge any matter proposed herein in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

For more information, you may contact the City Clerk at 27215 Base Line, Highland, during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday).

Dated: June 4, 2021

Betty Hughes, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Highland