

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

From: Monte Reinders, Public Works Director/County Engineer 

Agenda Date: May 12, 2025

Subject: Solid Waste Fee Revision Resolution

Statement of Issue: The current fee schedule for solid waste disposal has not kept pace with emergent capital facility repair and replacement costs and the projected year end Equipment Reserve (Capital) fund balance is \$1.8M less than the benchmark established in Resolution No. 28 23 and an estimated \$3.1M less than capital costs identified in the 6 Year Capital Plan.

Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's: This issue was discussed at special joint meetings of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on March 26, 2025 and April 29, 2025. Staff stressed that inaction would lead to unexpected service interruption as critical equipment failed and funding was inadequate to affect repairs or replacement.

Staff recommended that a "Capital Surcharge" of \$15.00 be added to the pretax per ton rate which would be set aside in the Equipment Reserve (Capital) account to be used for facility and equipment capital purchases, repairs, replacements, and/or improvements. Staff additionally recommended lowering the minimum fee weight threshold from 240 pounds to 220 pounds in order to equitably distribute customer contribution to capital needs.

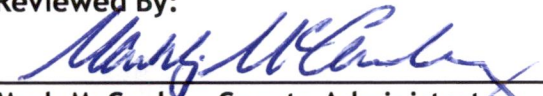
At the April 29, 2025 special meeting a SWAC motion passed to recommend to the BoCC the adoption of the capital surcharge and revise the minimum fee weight as recommended by staff and the BoCC agreed with this recommendation.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis: The additional funding will position Public Works to receive and repay or match loans and/or grants from sources such as the Public Works Board.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule.

Department Contact: Al Cairns X213

Reviewed By:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON
County of Jefferson

A Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule for
the Department of Public Works,
Solid Waste Division

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is a political subdivision of the state of Washington as provided by [Title 36 RCW](#) and the Washington State Constitution [Article 11](#), and may impose fees to recoup the costs of providing services to the public; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners may impose fees charged by the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division ("Solid Waste Division") to implement the code and statutory duties; and,

WHEREAS, JCC 3.80.020 authorizes the Solid Waste Division to request adoption of its fee schedule by resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a revised Solid Waste Division fee schedule by Resolution 28 23 on July 3, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 28 23 set a benchmark for a reserved capital fund balance of 25% of current capital replacement value; and,

WHEREAS, the projected year-end capital fund balance of \$453,443 is an estimated \$1.8M less than the fund benchmark; and,

WHEREAS, the projected year-end capital fund balance of \$453,443 is an estimated \$3.1M less than the estimated cost of transfer station infrastructure repair and replacement needs; and,

WHEREAS, failure to address critically needed transfer station infrastructure repair and replacement will cause unplanned service interruptions; and,

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Division staff presented analysis and discussed these issues with the Board of County Commissioners and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on March 26, 2025, and again on April 29, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Public Works staff has recommended the adoption of a "Capital Surcharge" to be applied to the current per ton fee charged at the transfer station in order to fund transfer station infrastructure repair and replacement,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Whereas Clauses Adopted as Findings of Fact. The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above “Whereas” clauses as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to:

- 1) revise the pre-tax base per ton fee for garbage disposal collected at the Transfer Station scales from one hundred sixty-five dollars and twenty-three cents (\$165.23) to one hundred eighty dollars and twenty-three cents (\$180.23)
- 2) reduce the minimum fee weight from two hundred forty (240) pounds to two hundred twenty (220) pounds
- 3) set aside fifteen dollars and no cents (\$15.00) per ton of every municipal solid waste transaction at the Transfer Station, excluding yard debris, in a separate Solid Waste capital account to be used for facility and equipment capital purchases, repairs, replacements, and/or improvements.

The revisions to the Public Works Solid Waste Division Fee Schedule are shown as follows:

SOLID WASTE FEE SCHEDULE	JANUARY 1, 2025 FEES					AUGUST 1, 2025 FEES				
	BASE FEE	3.6% TAX	*Fee before Rounding	**Rounded Rounding	Fee with TAX	BASE FEE	3.6% TAX	Fee before Rounding	**Rounded Rounding	Fee with TAX
TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE										
1 Solid Waste Disposal Rate per Ton	\$ 165.23	\$ 5.95	\$ 171.18	\$ (0.18)	\$ 171.00	\$ 180.23	\$ 6.49	\$ 186.72	\$ 0.28	\$ 187.00
2 Asbestos Disposal Rate			Not accepted					Not accepted		
3 Refrigerator Environmental Fee	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
4 Minimum Charge up to 240 lb. / 220 lbs	\$ 19.78	\$ 0.71	\$ 20.49	\$ (0.49)	\$ 20.00	\$ 19.30	\$ 0.69	\$ 19.99	\$ 0.01	\$ 20.00
5 Non-Disposal Weight Charge	\$ 20.50		\$ 20.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 21.00	\$ 20.50		\$ 20.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 21.00
QUILCENE DROP BOX SITE										
1 Minimum Fee (two 32 gal Containers)	\$ 14.84	\$ 0.53	\$ 15.38	\$ (0.38)	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.84	\$ 0.53	\$ 15.38	\$ (0.38)	\$ 15.00
2 Loose Garbage:										
(a) Load up to one cubic yard	\$ 35.62	\$ 1.28	\$ 36.90	\$ 0.10	\$ 37.00	\$ 35.62	\$ 1.28	\$ 36.90	\$ 0.10	\$ 37.00
(b) Each additional 1/2 cubic yard	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00
3 Automobile Tires (each)	\$ 6.93	\$ 0.25	\$ 7.18	\$ (0.18)	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.93	\$ 0.25	\$ 7.18	\$ (0.18)	\$ 7.00
4 Truck Tires (each)	\$ 7.91	\$ 0.28	\$ 8.20	\$ (0.20)	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.91	\$ 0.28	\$ 8.20	\$ (0.20)	\$ 8.00
5 Heavy Equipment Tires (each)	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00
6 Large items not fitting in compactor (each)	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00
7 White goods (each)	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.80	\$ 0.64	\$ 18.45	\$ (0.45)	\$ 18.00
8 Refrigerators (each)	\$ 33.64	\$ 1.21	\$ 34.85	\$ 0.15	\$ 35.00	\$ 33.64	\$ 1.21	\$ 34.85	\$ 0.15	\$ 35.00

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances shall be fully valid and shall not be affected.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution is effective upon August 1, 2025.

Section 5. SEPA Categorical Exemption. This resolution is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act under WAC [197-11-800\(19\)](#).

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

Greg Brotherton, Member

Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member

ATTEST:

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Date
Clerk of the Board