

Moab City Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date: February 14, 2023

Title: Consideration of Rate Increase for Solid Waste and Recycling Hauling Services

Presenter: Canyonlands Solid Waste Authority

Attachment(s):

- 2019 Franchise Agreement for residential, municipal and commercial solid waste and recycling collection and disposal
- Unincorporated Trash and Recycling fee adopted in 2023
- Proposed rates for City of Moab pricing models
- CSWA presentation
- Proposed Ordinance 2023-02 An ordinance amending Moab Municipal Code 3.50.120 Trash and Recycling Rates

Recommended Motion:

I move to table the decision considering solid waste rate increase to February 28 to allow staff to review and make a recommendation regarding Canyonlands Solid Waste Authority's request.

Background/Summary:

The solid waste hauling franchise contract was executed between the City of Moab and Monument Waste in March 2019. Following the acquisition of Monument Waste by Solid Waste Special Service District #1 (dba Canyonlands Solid Waste Authority – CSWA) – the franchise agreement was assigned to CSWA via Resolution 10-2021.

The franchise agreement provides a mechanism for adjustments to the contracted rate. The contract reads:

Service Provider may apply to the City in writing for consideration of a special rate review should an unforeseen event or circumstance arise which jeopardizes the economic operations of the Service Provider. A special rate review application shall be considered if one or more of the following occurs:

- A. Landfill tip fees change by more than five (5) percent; or
- B. Accumulative operating costs over which Service Provider has no control change by more than ten (10) percent.

Any change in rates shall be at the discretion of the City Council... The City Council may grant a special rate request, or grant the request in part. The Council shall not unreasonably withhold granting the request in part or in full.

CSWA recently approached city staff to consider a rate adjustment under these conditions. Staff requested the supporting financial documents and recommended a rate study to be conducted as the City would conduct with any Enterprise Fund rate increases.

While the rate study is not yet complete, CSWA has requested interim adjustments as outlined in the attachments. Staff is recommending tabling this decision to allow a review period and for staff to be able to make a recommendation based on the information provided.