

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
MAY 23, 2022**

**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 21.A.  
ORDINANCE 2022-194-16, 24  
PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SOLID WASTE FEES**

**Discussion:** The cost of transporting and disposing of solid waste is increasing. Landfill/incinerator space is a commodity and tipping fees for 2023 are increasing by over \$7 per ton. Additionally, hauling fees are increasing due to inflation and the cost of fuel. The disposal costs for household trash in 2023 will be at least \$101/ton. The current fee for household type trash is \$94/ton. Thus, in 2023 the City will be in arrears by at least \$7 for every ton brought by a paying customer to the Transfer Station.

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Hauling costs (WM) *</b>	<b>Disposal cost &amp; additional hauling cost</b>	<b>Total cost per ton</b>
2021	\$16.77	NA	NA
2022	\$17.81	NA	NA
2023	\$19.20	\$82.70	\$101.90
2024	\$20.00	\$86.76	\$106.76
2025	\$21.20+	\$91.03	\$112.23
2026	\$23.32+	\$95.51	\$118.83
2027	\$25.25+	\$100.20	\$125.45

**\* Fee adjusts annually for cost of inflation + 1% and twice annually based on cost of diesel. Assumed 5% inflation  
+ Assumed price of fuel stabilizes**

The cost of disposing of construction and demolition debris, tires, white goods and electronics is also increasing.

Following are the current fees and the proposed increases to take effect on July 1, 2022:

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Last Fee Increase</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Household waste (Laconia resident)	\$94/ton	\$105/ton	1/1/2020	Increase by \$5 each year thru 2025
Household waste (Gilford & out of town)	\$94/ton	\$110/ton	1/1/2020	Increase by \$5 each year thru 2025
Metal	\$5/2000lb	\$5/2000lbs	UNK	No Change
Const & Demo	\$150/ton	\$150/ton	UNK	No Change
Freon containing appliances	\$10 each	\$30 each	Since contract with WM - 2005	WM rate increase request
Appliances	\$10 each	\$15 each	Since contract with WM - 2005	WM rate increase request
Propane tanks 2 to 20 LBs	\$5 each	\$5 each	Since contract with WM - 2005	No Change
Propane tanks 21 to 60 LBs	\$5 each	\$25 each		New Fee
Tires	\$3/\$5 each	\$6/\$10 each	UNK	State contract is \$3.50/tire
Electronic Waste	\$10/\$20/\$30	\$15/\$25/\$40	UNK	
Day Passes	\$3	\$5	1993	
Dump Stickers	\$20	\$25	1993	
Haulers Admin	\$25	\$30	2012	
Haulers License	\$200	\$250	2012	
Bulky Item stickers	\$6	\$8	2014	
Excess trash stickers	\$15	\$15	2020	No Change

The household trash fee increases will not affect any customer who brings in 100 lbs or less of household trash as their fee will remain \$5. The proposed fee increase impacts those customers who bring in over 100 lbs of trash.

**Recommendation:** Public Works recommends that the City Council approve the proposed increases and that the increase take effect on July 1, 2022.

**Report submitted by:** Wesley B. Anderson, Director of Public Works.

**Proposed motions:**

*“I move to waive a reading of this Ordinance in its entirety and to read by title only.”*

*“I move a first reading of Ordinance 2022–194-16, 24.”*

*“I move to schedule a Public Hearing on June 13, 2022, during the regular City Council meeting to gather input prior to any action being taken.”*