

Solid Waste Committee

Review of Proposed Waste Connections, LLC
Residential Franchise Agreement

June 17, 2024



It's real.

History

- Waste Connections, LLC has served the City of Seguin since 1998.
- Operating under current Franchise Agreement since October 2018. Automatically renewed in September 2023.
- Waste Connections, LLC also provides commercial solid waste services in Seguin, but does not have an exclusive franchise agreement.

History

Year	# of Residential Customers
2018	8,051
2019	8,146
2020	8,323
2021	8,899
2022	9,954
2023	10,922
2024 YTD	11,247

- Last Rate Increase

- October 1, 2022

- Garbage \$13.39

- Recycle \$ 3.38

- 3,196 Residential Accounts added since 2018

Proposed Agreement Similarities

○ Fees

- Residential Garbage \$ 14.06
- Residential Recycle \$ 3.55
- Extra Cart Fee \$ 6.98
- Sludge – Haul Off \$ 651.05
- The City of Seguin charges an additional 13% (\$1.83) for garbage service.

○ Container Size

- 90 Gal Recycle
- 90 Gal Garbage

○ Service Frequency

- Garbage 1X per week
- Recycle 1 X per week

Proposed Agreement Similarities

- **Customer Service**

- The City will continue to field all inquiries and complaints

- **Terms of the Agreement**

- Initial 5 Year Term
- Renews for successive periods of 5 years

Proposed Changes to Agreement

- Definition of “Landfill”

- Shall mean the Post Oak Landfill, provided the same is capable of lawfully receiving municipal Solid Waste for disposal. If the Post Oak Landfill is not capable, then Landfill may mean any facility or area of land lawfully receiving municipal Solid Waste for disposal.

- ~~○ Shall mean any facility or area of land receiving Municipal Solid Waste or Construction and Demolition Waste that is not located over a major aquifer or its contributing zone and is operating under the regulation and authority of the Texas commission on Environmental Quality within the State of Texas.~~

Proposed Changes to Agreement

- Excess Solid Waste

- Service Provider is not responsible for the collection of Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials that is placed outside or adjacent to Containers. They will not be required to provide service when Carts are located near cars, mailboxes, or other obstructions in a way that the Service Provider reasonably determines creates an unsafe condition that could cause damage to property or injury to persons.

- ~~○ Excess solid waste will be collected within reason but to not exceed 2 cubic yards. Excess due to Holidays or other extraordinary circumstances will be collected as determined by the Service Provider.~~

Proposed Changes to Agreement

- Hours of Operation (6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.) {6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.}
- Solid Waste must be placed in Containers provided by Service Provider and placed within 5 feet of the curbside or right-of-way adjacent to the Single-Family Residential Unit no later than 6:00 A.M.
- ~~○ Municipal Solid Waste is in Roll-Outs provided by the Service Provider and such Roll-Outs are placed within 5 feet of the curbside or right-of-way adjacent to the Residential Unit not later than 7:00 A.M. on the scheduled collection day (or 6:30 A.M. if summer hours are initiated).~~

Proposed Changes to Agreement

○ Bulky Item Collection

- Bulky Item – an item measuring in excess of either forty-eight inches in length or fifty (50) pounds in weight, including, but not limited to White Goods.
- Service Provider will collect Bulky Items from Residential Units on a quarterly basis and will inform residents at least one month in advance of the day for collection of Bulky Items
- ~~○ The Service Provider will collect Bulky Items, Yard Waste, and Bundles on their regularly scheduled service day provided they are reasonably contained, do not exceed 2 CY or 50 pounds, or 8 bags per week.~~

Proposed Changes to Agreement

- Vouchers for Citizen Convenience Center
 - Each residential address is eligible to receive up to four (4) vouchers for the Post Oak Landfill Citizen Convenience Center.
 - City offers 2 clean-ups per year
 - County offers 2 clean-ups per year
 - Quarterly Bulk pick up at home
 - Post Oak Landfill Voucher Policy

Proposed Changes to Agreement

○ Rate Adjustments

- CPI-U (Annually)
- Disposal/Government Fee
- Operating Cost Adjustment

Removal of Fuel Cost Adjustment makes for a more simple billing process.

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- ~~○ CPI-U (Annually)~~
- ~~○ Operating Cost Adjustment~~
- ~~○ Landfill Cost Adjustment~~
- ~~○ Governmental Fees~~
- ~~○ Fuel Cost Adjustment~~

Comparison of Surrounding Cities

City	# of Residential Customers*	Provider	Container Size Trash/Recycle	Garbage Service Fequency	Recycle Service Frequency	Complaints Directed To	Billed By	Bulk Service	City Clean Ups Offered	Mandatory Additional Fees	Cost of Garbage & Recycle	Total Cost to Customer	Extra Container Cost:	Notes
Hutto	13,200	Al Clawson	95gal/95gal	1x Weekly	1x Weekly	City of Hutto	City of Hutto	Included, Serviced Upon Request	None	Administrative Fee: \$2.09	\$19.86	\$21.95	\$9.93	All bags must be in container.
Buda	5,800	TDS	90gal/90gal	1x Weekly	Every Other Wk	City of Buda	City of Buda	Included, 1 Scheduled Pick-Up Each Quarter	None	Administrative Fee: \$2.50	\$22.82	\$25.32	\$8.31	All bags must be in container. Senior Citizen Rate \$20.54
Cibolo	11,000	Republic Services	95gal/95gal	Winter: 1x Weekly Summer: 2x Weekly	1x Weekly	City of Cibolo	City of Cibolo	Included, 1 Pick-Up Every 60 Days	2 Offered Annually: Fall and Spring	None	\$15.95	\$15.95	\$12.00	Allows for 6 bags outside of container.
Kyle	14,714	TDS	90gal/90gal	1x Weekly	Every Other Wk	City of Kyle	City of Kyle	Included, 2 Scheduled Pick-Ups Per Year	1 Offered Annually	Administrative Fee: \$2.63	\$24.44	\$27.07	\$5.52	All bags must be in container.
Schertz	13,800	Republic Services	If provided, 96gal/96gal	1x Weekly Container Provided 2x Weekly Container Not Provided	1x Weekly	Republic Services	City of Schertz	Included, 12 Scheduled Pick-Ups Per Year	2 Offered Annually: Fall and Spring	None	\$14.46	\$14.46	\$6.18	All bags must be in container.
New Braunfels	32,671	City of New Braunfels	96gal/96gal	1x Weekly	1x Weekly	NBU	NBU	Quarterly, Additional Fee	Quarterly Drop-Off Sites Offered Annually	None	\$17.66	\$17.66	\$6.50	All bags must be in container. Excess garbage = \$10 for 5 tags
San Marcos	13,773	TDS	96gal/96gal	1x Weekly	Every Other Wk	TDS	City of San Marcos	1st and 3rd Week, Scheduled Pick-Up	4 Offered Annually	Easter Seals: \$0.16 Brush Drop Off: \$0.32 Admin Fee: \$1.37 Education: \$0.22	\$32.59	\$34.66	\$10.49	All bags must be in container.
Seguin	10,922	Waste Connections, LLC	90gal/90gal	1x Wekly	1x Weekly	City of Seguin	City of Seguin	Quarterly + 4 Landfill Vouchers	2 Offered Annually: Fall and Spring	Administrative Fee: \$1.83	\$17.61	\$19.44	\$6.98	All bags must be in container.