

RESOLUTION NO. 778

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, GRANTING A TEMPORARY RATE INCREASE TO MURREY'S DISPOSAL FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES IN RUSTON, SUCH INCREASE TO OFFSET MURREY'S INCREASED COSTS CAUSED BY THE WASHINGTON CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT AND TO EXPIRE ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the City contracts with Murrey's Disposal ("Murrey's") for solid waste services in Ruston; and

WHEREAS, the City and Murrey's are under a service contract that was approved by Resolution No. 711 and executed in June of 2020 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9(d) of the Agreement allows Murrey's to request a temporary increase in rates due to unforeseen costs; and

WHEREAS, since the Agreement was executed, the State Legislature has adopted the Washington Climate Commitment Act which adds a carbon fee on all fuel purchases; and

WHEREAS, this new government fee was not anticipated at the time of the Agreement and should be recoverable by Murrey's; and

WHEREAS, allowing this additional rate increase will cost residential customers an additional \$0.19/month and commercial customers a range of \$0.28 to \$2.84 per month depending on level of service; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Temporary Rate Adjustment. The City Council hereby grants a one-year approval for Murrey's to increase rates under Section 9(d) of the Agreement between the City and

Murrey's for recovery of increased expenses resulting from Washington Climate Commitment Act which adds a carbon fee on all fuel purchases in the rates below. Such increases shall be specifically called out as separate line items on the customers' bills.

Service Level	Monthly Carbon Fee
Residential – All cart sizes and service levels	\$0.19
Commercial – Cart service	\$0.57
Commercial – Container 1X week service	\$0.57
Commercial – Container 2X week service	\$1.14
Commercial – Container 3X week service	\$1.70
Commercial – Container 4X week service	\$2.27
Commercial – Container 5X week service	\$2.84

Section 2. Reporting. In accordance with Section 9(d) of the Agreement, Murrey's will provide the City with quarterly updates on the impacts of the Washington Climate Commitment Act on customers' bills. If Murrey's desires to request a renewal and/or modification of this temporary rate adjustment, it may apply to the City for such renewal 90 days before expiration of this temporary rate increase.

Section 3. Expiration. This rate increase is temporary and will expire one year from the effective date of this Resolution.

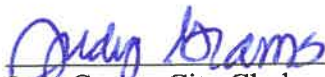
RESOLVED this 17th day of October, 2023.

APPROVED:



Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Judy Grams, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: _____

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: _____

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