

COUNCIL REPORT – BYLAW

Edmonton

BYLAW 19919

Waste Services Bylaw 18590, Amendment No. 5

RECOMMENDATION

That Utility Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 19919 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend the Waste Services Bylaw 18590 with adjusted monthly residential waste utility rates and to update certain sections.

Readings

Bylaw 19919 is ready for three readings.

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 19919 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This report sets out the proposed 2022 monthly residential waste utility rates that take effect on January 1, 2022. Administration is proposing a zero per cent rate increase in 2022 with the exception of multi-unit transitional customer rates. Rates remain unchanged for single unit residential customers and multi-unit residential customers that receive communal collection. Multi-unit transition rates will increase for customers that are part of the two transition groups.

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Administration is proposing a zero per cent rate increase for 2022, with the exception of multi-unit transitional customer rates. Significant transformational changes will continue to be delivered in 2022 with the proposed rates. Starting on October 1, 2021, single unit curbside customers transitioned to variable waste rates based on the size of their garbage cart. The following table outlines the proposed monthly rates for 2022.

| Residential Waste Collection Service | Current Monthly Rate (October 1 to December 1, 2021) | Proposed Monthly Rate (January 1 to December 31, 2022) | Monthly Change |
|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| Curbside 120L Garbage Cart | \$43.32 | \$43.32 | No change |
| Curbside 240L Garbage Cart | \$48.32 | \$48.32 | No change |
| Curbside 360L Garbage Cart* | \$58.32 | \$58.32 | No change |
| Communal Collection** | \$30.69 | \$30.69 | No change |
| Multi-unit Transition Rate 1 | \$37.30 | \$41.27 | \$3.97 |
| Multi-unit Transition Rate 2 | \$34.00 | \$37.74 | \$3.74 |

*Available only to residents that meet unique requirements to qualify.

** Formerly titled "Residential Bin Collection."

Rates remain unchanged for single unit residential customers that receive curbside cart service (120 Litre, 240 Litre or 360 Litre) and for multi-unit residential customers that receive communal collection. Multi-unit transition rates will increase for customers that are part of two groups that are transitioning to curbside cart service. The rate for customers who began transitioning from the communal collection rate to the curbside collection rate in 2020 will increase from \$37.30 in 2021 to \$41.27. The rate for customers who began transitioning from the communal collection rate to the curbside collection rate in 2021 will increase from \$34.00 in 2021 to \$37.74.

Bylaw Updates

- The language in Section 31 - Containers and Storage, is being adjusted to provide clarity.
- There are currently three eligibility criteria for Curbside (Multi-unit Transition Rate) customers. One eligibility criteria is being added: "An owner who changes the type of collection service on their account in relation to a residential premises, including any change to the size of cart at that property after January 1, 2022, will no longer be eligible."

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- Some language is being updated in Schedule C to provide further clarification and guidance to both residents and Administration.

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

Extensive public engagement with residents and stakeholders was conducted for the approved 25-year Waste Strategy and Waste Reduction Roadmap. This previous input was used to support decision making and inform both operating and capital adjustments in the 2022 rate filing.

Budget/Financial Implications

The Waste Services utility rates outlined in Bylaw 19919 are reflected in the Waste Services 2022 Rate Filing and Fall 2021 Supplemental Budget Adjustments (City Operations report CO00823). Annual adjustments to Waste Service utility rates are standard practice for the utility and are in accordance with Waste Management Policy C527 and Waste Services Utility Fiscal Policy C558B.

Legal Implications

City Council has the authority to amend the Waste Services Bylaw, Bylaw 18590, under section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, through the powers to pass bylaws for public utilities, the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property, nuisances, the enforcement of bylaws and services provided by the municipality.

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw 19919 - Waste Services Bylaw 18590, Amendment No. 5
2. Side By Side Comparison

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor