

# Bylaw 19406

## Waste Services Bylaw 18590, Amendment No. 3

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### Purpose

To amend the Waste Services Bylaw 18590 to adjust monthly residential waste service rates and to update certain sections.

### Readings

Bylaw 19406 is ready for three readings. If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 19406 be considered for third reading."

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report Summary

This report sets out the proposed 2021 monthly residential Waste Utility Rates. These changes take effect in two stages for single unit customers who currently receive hand collection consistent with the existing collection practices. First on January 1, 2021 (hand collection rate) and second on October 1, 2021 (cart rate) following the citywide distribution of carts. The Utility is proposing a zero percent rate increase in 2021, while delivering significant and transformational change. As the changes to the Waste Services Utility rates are incorporated in the Utility's 2021 Rate Filing, this report should be considered along with report CR\_8448. Three additions have also been made to the bylaw to provide further clarification and guidance. These include an amendment of the utility services scope, addition of Leduc annexation section and the addition of a fee setting section.

### Report

Single Unit Residential Curbside customers will transition from the Hand Collection Rate to new Cart Rates based on the size of their garbage (black) cart following the implementation of cart-based collection to all single unit customers. Cart Rates will be in effect beginning October 2021, following cart size selection, cart distribution and updating the customer billing system with customer cart size information. The chart below outlines the proposed rates and the associated increase or decrease based on cart size selection. Bin collection rates remain unchanged for 2021.

In 2019, the Waste Services Bylaw was also updated to allow for customers to be charged in alignment with their service type. Based on a review, approximately 9,500 households were reclassified from the multi-unit rate to the single unit rate beginning in 2020 and approximately 15,900 will be reclassified in spring 2021. To avoid rate shock for these customers, Waste Services intends to adjust the rates from the multi-unit rate to the single unit rate over a period of five years.

Type of Residential Service	Monthly Rate (2020 blended rate*)	Proposed Monthly Rate (effective January 1 to September 30, 2021)	Proposed Monthly Rate (effective October 1 to December 31, 2021)	Monthly Decrease/ Increase (effective October 1, 2021)
Hand Collection (no garbage cart provided)	\$47.22**	\$47.22	N/A	N/A
<i>Hand Collection will transition to one of the three cart options below</i>				<i>Dependent on option selected</i>
120L Garbage Cart	\$47.22	\$47.22	\$43.32	(\$3.90)
240L Garbage Cart	\$47.22	\$47.22	\$48.32	\$1.10
360L Garbage Cart	N/A	N/A	\$58.32	\$11.10
Bin Collection	\$30.69	\$30.69	\$30.69	No change
Multi-unit Transition Rate 1	\$34.00	\$37.30	\$37.30	\$3.30
Multi-unit Transition Rate 2	N/A	\$34.00	\$34.00	N/A

\*The 2020 rate was reduced effective June 1, 2020 as a result of COVID-19, resulting in a rate reduction of 2.2%. The rate charged to customers effective June 1, 2020 was \$46.52 and included retroactive credit for the first five months where customers paid the original approved rate of \$48.26.

\*\*The 2020 blended rate is \$47.22 assuming the rate reduction of 2.2% was effective January 1, 2020 instead of June 1, 2020. This rate was previously noted as \$47.24 in the May 11, 2020 City Operations report CR\_8258 due to rounding.

## Bylaw Additions

The following three items have been added to the bylaw to provide further clarification and guidance to both residents and Administration.

### Scope of Utility Services Paid for by the Monthly Waste Utility Rate

Section 24(1) has been amended to broaden the wording of the waste utility service. The amended provision more clearly references the range of services paid for by the Monthly Waste Utility Rate. It also indicates more clearly that the Monthly Waste Utility Rate is payable when waste utility services are available to owners regardless of whether the home is occupied or whether such services are used by the owner.

### Leduc Annexation

On January 22, 2019, Section 94 Annexation Implementation was added to Waste Management Bylaw 17555. With the repeal of Bylaw 17555 on September 10, 2019, the Annexation Implementation section was removed in error. The annexation section is being added to Part VII - Powers of the City Manager to resolve the omission.

With this change, the City Manager has the authority to modify the fee for the annexed properties, if the property is one of the annexed properties in Bylaw 18666, and the fee was one that was set out in the annexation agreement. This helps to grandfather these properties into the bylaw as agreed to in the annexation negotiations. The annexation provision would apply only in a situation where something in the bylaw conflicts with an item that was agreed to during the negotiations. Outside of that limited scope, it has no effect. As this section was not carried forward into current Bylaw 18590, it is being added back through this amendment as a sub-clause to Section 37.

### Fee Setting

The addition of section 11(5) makes clear the City Manager's ability to establish fees for disposal at the Edmonton Waste Management Centre and Eco Stations. These fees are different from Monthly Waste Utility Rates, which require Council approval.

## Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): The City of Edmonton has a resilient financial position.			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s) 2020 Forecast	Target(s) 2021 Proposed
Edmonton's waste service rates and fees are fair, equitable and value-driven.	Annual Net Income (\$000s)	12,870	5,280
	Stable Rates	0.3%	0%

### **Public Engagement**

Public engagement was not undertaken for the bylaw amendment as annual adjustments to waste service utility rates are standard operational practice for the Waste Services Utility.

### **Budget/Financial Implications**

The Waste Services rates outlined in Bylaw 19406 are reflected in the Waste Services 2021 Rate Filing (City Operations Report CR\_8448).

### **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.

### **Attachments**

1. Bylaw 19406 - Waste Services Bylaw 18590, Amendment No. 3
2. Side by Side Comparison

### **Others Reviewing this Report**

- M. Persson, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor