



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: David Fait, Acting Director of Public Works *David Fait*

DATE: March 17, 2026

SUBJECT: REVISED - SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION FOR ITEM 15, FILE ID 26-259, UPCOMING REFUSE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Please be advised that the attached PowerPoint presentation titled "Refuse Rate Adjustments: Upcoming Changes to Services and Fees," has been revised from the version transmitted earlier today. Please use the version attached to this memo.



Refuse Rate Adjustments

Upcoming Changes to Services and
Fees

March 17, 2026

Key Issues Affecting Refuse Services and Rates

- New Agreement and Price Increases for County Landfill Disposal - WISE Agreement
- New Organics Recycling Programs and Rates for Compliance with State Mandates per SB 1383



County Landfill Disposal

- New County-wide Waste Infrastructure System Enterprise disposal agreement (WISE) to replace current Agreement expiring June 30, 2026
- WISE was evaluated & negotiated by a committee of cities via the OC City Managers Association
 - 85% increase in landfill disposal fees due to County's increased costs for operating and regulatory compliance
 - A phased rate structure over three years to smooth the impact on customers



Change in State Law

- SB 1383 mandates that all California residents and businesses recycle organics
- City + Republic must develop and implement programs to collect and recycle food scraps and other organic material



Proposed Solutions

- Adopt WISE Agreement
 - Guaranteed landfill capacity at preferred rates
- Amend Republic Franchise
 - SB 1383 services are not part of current agreement
- Adopt rates to pay for the increased costs and new services



Proposed New Rates

- Commercial and Multi-family via Republic Services
 - 12-14% increase for trash + recycling
 - Rates for services vary by container size and amount of service
- Residential (3 carts at curb)
 - Food scraps → green cart
 - \$29.06 → \$36.64 starting July 2, 2026



Upcoming Action Items

Notification to Residential Customers

- Direct mail not later than April 3

Conduct Public Hearing & Adopt Rates

Ordinance Amending Republic Franchise



Questions?

