



**May 2008
NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE TO SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES
and PUBLIC HEARING**

The Elk Grove City Council will consider an adjustment to the solid waste service rates on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove). This notice describes how to file a protest against the proposed rate increase.

The City of Elk Grove continues to offer you outstanding solid waste, greenwaste and recycling service for one of the lowest rates in the region. The proposed service rate adjustment is due to the provider, Allied Waste Services, being entitled to an annual adjustment in their rates as part of providing services to City residents.

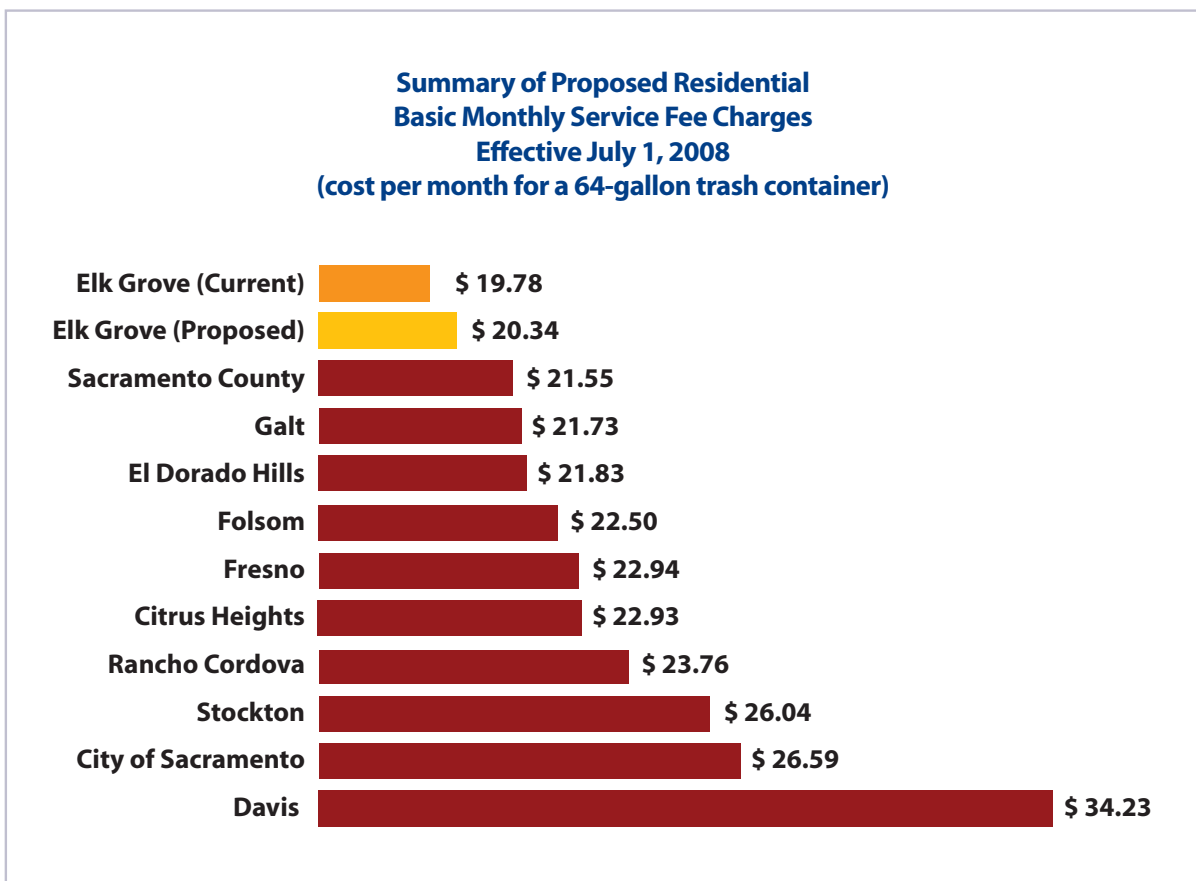
There are no other increases being considered at this time only the contractually obligated rate adjustment paid to Allied Waste Services, the average resident will experience a \$ 0.56 increase in their monthly rate.

**Summary of Proposed Residential Basic Monthly Service Fee Charges
July 1, 2008**

Size of Trash Cart Used by Resident	Current Rate 2007/08 (/mo)	Proposed Rate 2008/09 (/mo)	Total Proposed Increase
32 gallon	\$ 17.10	\$ 17.58 <small>(estimate only)</small>	\$.48
64 gallon	\$ 19.78	\$ 20.34	\$.56
96 gallon	\$ 25.15	\$ 25.88	\$.73

For a complete list of all service rates and miscellaneous service rates that will impacted by this adjustment please go to: www.egtrashrecycleservices.org

The chart below shows how the solid waste rates for the City of Elk Grove compare to other solid waste rates in our surrounding region. For this analysis we compared the rate charged for one 64-gallon trash container serviced weekly, two greenwaste containers serviced every other week and two recycling containers serviced every other week to rates charged for same service in other jurisdictions.



In Elk Grove, you are entitled to a total of five carts for the same base rate, as compared to other jurisdictions that require that the resident pay extra for the extra carts. For the services you receive, Elk Grove's rate is one of the lowest in the region and that includes the small rate increase effective July 1, 2008.

Rate Comparison Detail

Locality	Trash 1 64 Gal	Recycle: 2 96 Gal	GrnWaste 2 96 Gal	Total
Elk Grove (Proposed)	\$ 20.34	Included	Included	\$ 20.34
Sacramento County	\$ 21.55 ¹	Included	Included	\$ 21.55
Galt	\$ 21.73	Included	Included	\$ 21.73
El Dorado Hills	\$ 21.83 ²	Included	Included	\$ 21.83
Folsom	\$ 22.50	Included	Included	\$ 22.50
Fresno	\$ 16.42 ³	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.32	\$ 22.94
Citrus Heights	\$ 20.59 ⁴	\$ 2.37 ⁵	Included	\$ 22.93
Rancho Cordova	\$ 21.65	\$ 2.13 ⁵	Included	\$ 23.78
Stockton	\$ 26.04	Included	Included	\$ 26.04
City of Sacramento	\$ 13.70	\$ 3.79	\$ 9.10 ⁶	\$ 26.59
Davis	\$ 28.36 ⁷	Included	Loose in street	\$ 34.23

¹ Rate is a preliminary calculation. Supervisor approval pending.

² Rate will increase November 2008.

³ Weekly pick-up of all carts.

⁴ Rates will increase April 1, 2008. This is an approximate calculation.

⁵ May have one extra recycle or greenwaste cart at no charge, for a total of four carts. A fifth cart is charged per the above.

⁶ Includes \$1.24 required street sweeping fee. 96-gallon recycle cart serviced weekly, compared to (2) 96 gallon serviced bi-weekly.

⁷ Every home charged same rate regardless of cart size.

Comments On and Protests to the Proposed Rate Increases

The City invites you to comment on the proposed increases to the City's solid waste service rates. Please submit your comments in writing, even if you plan to attend the public hearing.

Under Proposition 218, an owner of a parcel that is subject to the proposed rate increases may protest them by filing a written protest with the City Clerk at or before the close of the public hearing on June 25, 2008. If you submit a protest, please include an identification of the affected parcel by street address or assessor's parcel number (APN). If written protests are filed by a majority of the affected parcel owners, the proposed rate increase will not be imposed.

Comments and protests regarding the proposed rate increase may be mailed to:

**City of Elk Grove, City Clerk, Re: Rates Proposal
8380 Laguna Palms Way, Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758**

Comments and protests may also be delivered to the City Clerk at the above address.

Dear Elk Grove Utility Customer:

In an effort to serve you better, beginning in July 2008, some City of Elk Grove utility customers may be transferred to a new billing cycle. This change may affect approximately 21,000 customers.

To check if your utility bill may be affected by this change, please go to:

www.elkgrovecity.org/utilities

and click the link "Billing Cycle Change". This will allow you to view a map indicating what neighborhoods in Elk Grove may be affected by the billing cycle change.

You may also call the City of Elk Grove Utility Billing Department at (916) 478-3642 for more information.

Thank you!

The City of Elk Grove Utility Billing Department



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