

**AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING**

( ) Discussion only  
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development/Planning Division  
PROGRAM: Solid Waste Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Humbert's Refuse Rate Increase Request

**Background:** On May 6, 2025 & July 22, 2025 Humbert's Refuse presented a rate increase request of 9% for their Collection Rates only to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). The SWAC voted to recommend this rate increase request to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. A public notice of this rate increase request was published in the East Oregonian on 07/30/25.

( ) INFORMATIONAL:  
(X) ACTION REQUESTED: The SWAC has voted to recommend this rate increase request from Humbert's Refuse to the Board of Commissioner's for final approval. Staff is asking for the Board of Commissioners to consider this proposal and vote to approve or deny the request. If approve, adopt  
Order No. BCC2025-036

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Humbert's Refuse
2. Copy of public notice of current & proposed rates published in the East Oregonian 07/30/25
3. Proposed Order

OTHER:

1. PowerPoint presentation by the King's

Submitted By: Gina Miller, Staff Liaison for the SWAC

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Exec. Asst.  
( X ) Dept. Head (copy)  
( ) Human Resources (copy)  
( ) Budget (copy)  
( ) Fiscal  
( X ) Legal  
( ) (Other – List:

To be notified of Meeting:

Gina Miller *gm*  
Katy King & Brandon King, Humbert's Refuse  
Michael McHenry, SWAC Chair

Needed at Meeting:

Same as above

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO OFFICE MANAGER

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Scheduled for meeting on: 08/20/25

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

# Humbert Refuse

Residential – Commercial Disposal Service

Serving Rural Milton-Freewater, Adams, Athena, Helix and Weston

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## Contact

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## Umatilla County Board of Commissioners

c/o Umatilla County Solid Waste Committee  
216 SE Fourth Street  
Pendleton, OR 97801

### Dear Commissioners and Committee Members:

Our last rate increase was March 1, 2024. Our cost comparison for the last 12 months of operations shows that our collections service is still in a deficit. Many operating costs have continued to increase as well: fuel, insurance, premiums, parts/labor costs, Umatilla County franchise fees and Department of Environmental additional regulations and costs associated with those.

Today, we are requesting a minimal rate increase of our weekly collections services both residential and commercial customers. Especially, our county routes are wide spread many of these miles are on gravel and poorly maintained roads which cause additional wear and tear to our collection trucks. Prior owners had not frequently increased their rates (June 2013). Now having 4 years operating experience, we can clearly access that our collection service is where rate adjustments need to be made.

We are requesting this rate increase to build our reserves to continue to offer same level of service. As well as, the additional increases in services that will be soon required per the Recycling Modernization Act soon being mandated across the state.

Proposed effective date for the increase will be September 1, 2025.

We appreciate your time and considerations, we are ready to field any questions at the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 special meeting of the Solid Waste Advisor Committee.

Sincerely,

Katy King  
Enclosure

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
HUMBERT REFUSE  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

Humbert Refuse, having a solid waste franchise through Umatilla County, proposes to increase their collection rates by 9% in the zone that they serve. The proposed increases are to be effective **September 1, 2025**. The following is an itemized list of the current rates and the proposed new rates of services. The list may not include all services provided by the franchise, though rates for all services with the proposed increase are listed.

**UMATILLA COUNTY COLLECTION RATES**

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>CURRENT RATES</b>	<b>PROPOSED RATES</b>
Weekly Collection - 60 Gal Can	\$18.70	\$20.40
Weekly Collection – 60 Gal Can Millcreek	\$23.60	\$25.70
Weekly Collection – 90 Gal Can	\$25.00	\$27.25
Weekly Collection – 90 Gal Can Millcreek	\$29.56	\$32.20
200 Gal Weekly	\$56.40	\$61.45
300 Gal Weekly	\$76.00	\$82.80
300 Gal 1 per Month	\$25.00	\$27.25
300 Gal 2 per Month	\$50.00	\$54.50
300 Gal on Call w/ Weekly small can	\$24.00	\$26.20
300 Gal on Call w/o Other Services	\$30.00	\$32.70
200 Gal on Call w/ weekly small can	\$18.00	\$19.60
200 Gal on Call w/o Other service	\$24.00	\$26.20
300 Annual Can Rent	\$120.00	\$130.00
200 Annual Can Rent	\$90.00	\$100.00

Objections to the proposed rate increase must be made by filing written comments to: Umatilla County Solid Waste Committee, 216 SE Fourth Street, Pendleton, OR 97801. Questions regarding the increase may be directed to Katy King at 541-938-4188 or [humbertrefuse@outlook.com](mailto:humbertrefuse@outlook.com) **OBJECTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING by Wednesday, August 13, 2025 by 5 pm.**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approving                    )  
Increase in Collection and                    )     Order No. BCC2025-036  
Disposal Rates for Sanford &                )  
Son LLC, dba Humbert Refuse                )

WHEREAS pursuant to Umatilla County Code of Ordinances §50.070, establishment of rates, and any increase in rates, charged by a franchisee for its service shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners;

WHEREAS Sanford & Son LCC doing business as Humbert Refuse has been granted a collection franchise and a disposal franchise for the east area of Umatilla County;

WHEREAS Humbert Refuse proposed to increase its rates 9% for collection within its franchised area and submitted a written proposal for the increase to the Umatilla County Solid Waste Committee;

WHEREAS at its meeting July 22, 2025, the Solid Waste Committee reviewed and approved the proposed rate increase as it was justified due to a reasonable change in the franchisee's cost of doing business with increase in costs;

WHEREAS the proposed rate was published in the East Oregonian on July 30, 2025, and also posted at Ranch & Home (85342 Highway 11), the post offices in Athena, Weston and Milton-Freewater, and at the offices of Humbert Refuse in Milton-Freewater.

WHEREAS no objections to the proposed rate increase has been received by the Solid Waste Committee, and it recommends approval of the proposed rate increase;

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes at its meeting August 20, 2025, found the changes justified, and voted to approve the change.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders that collection fees for Sanford & Son LLC doing business as Humbert Refuse within its franchised area shall, effective September 1, 2025, be as follows:

WEEKLY SERVICE

60 Gallon - per month	\$20.40
90 Gallon - per month	27.25
200 Gallon - per month	61.45
300 Gallon - per month	82.80
60 Gallon - per month - Mill Creek	25.70
90 Gallon - per month - Mill Creek	32.20

OTHER SERVICES

300 Gallon - 1 per month	\$27.25
300 Gallon - 2 per month	54.50
300 Gallon - on call - weekly small can	26.20
300 Gallon - on call - without other	32.70
300 Gallon - rent assessed annually less number times dumped	130/year
200 Gallon - rent assessed annually less number times dumped	100/year
200 Gallon - on call - weekly small can	19.60
200 Gallon - on call - without other	26.20

DATED this 20th day of August, 2025.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Celinda A. Timmons, Chair

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Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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Records Officer