

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK, OREGON
SITTING AS THE BOARD OF THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE DISTRICT

In the Matter of Increasing Customer) ORDER #24 - 048
Rates for Solid Waste Disposal for)
Solid Waste Collection Franchisee,) SWSD #24 - 009
Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service)

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the governing body of the Solid Waste Service District (SWSD), on July 24, 2024, at the request of Justin Weiss, Tillamook County Solid Waste Program Manager.

The Board being fully apprised of the records and files herein, finds as follows:

1. Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service (NVSS) has requested to increase rates charged by a collection franchisee to their customers in areas of southern Tillamook County.
2. Customer rates for this collection franchisee were last adjusted by Order #17-043, SWSD #17-007.
3. The Financial Report required under Appendix "C" of the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement was initially submitted on April 30, 2024; no rate increase was requested at that time. An "emergency" rate increase request was submitted to the Solid Waste Program Manager on June 26, 2024. Due to NVSS not requesting a rate increase over the last seven years, this late request was approved by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee prior to their meeting on July 16, 2024.
4. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners finds that special circumstances exist, and the proposed rates will be just, fair, reasonable, and sufficient to provide the proper service to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

5. The Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service rates outlined in Exhibit A become effective August 1, 2024.

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DATED this 24th day of July, 2024.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

MF Bell
Mary Faith Bell, Chair

Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
<u>Y</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>— / —</u>

Doug Olson
Doug Olson, Vice-Chair

<u>X</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>— / —</u>
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Erin D. Skaar
Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner

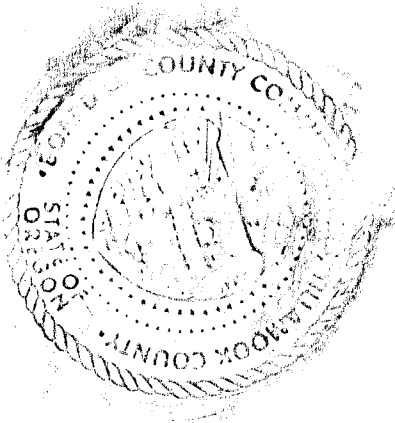
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ATTEST: Christy Nyseth,
County Clerk

By: [Signature]
Special Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
William K. Sargent,
County Counsel



June 26, 2024

Tillamook County
Solid Waste Manager
Justin Weiss
503 Marolf Loop Rd
Tillamook, OR 97141

Dear Justin,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss our emergency rate increase on Wednesday.

When we submitted our rate report in April, I assumed that 2024 revenue would be comparable to last year and expenses would be within our forecast. If this had occurred, the average return over the two years would have been approximately 10%. Therefore, I didn't submit a rate increase in April. However, as we move into summer, vacation/tourist revenue is trending lower than in previous years. In addition, expenses are also increasing at a rate higher than our earlier estimates. The combination of decreased revenue and increased costs compelled me to submit this unexpected rate increase for August 1.

While increasing collection fees is not popular with our customer base, our rates have remained unchanged since 2017. The requested increase averages 6.1% for the NVSS customer base.

I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience of this late submission to you and the county administrators. We are prepared to contact our customers via email and post with the notice of an immediate increase in the next billing period which with approval would be August 1.

Thank you for your immediate action and help, Justin. It is greatly appreciated. Please let me know if committee members have questions for me. They are welcome to reach me at my personal cell phone number (503)739-0185.

Best Regards,

Sandra (Sandy) Dye
President/General Manager
NVRGS, Inc
sandy@nvssgarbage.com

attachments: 2024/2025 requested rates; NVSS 2024 Rate Review

Tillamook County Franchise Hauler Rate Review Report
Updated for August 1, 2024 Increase

Franchisee:

Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service

Line		Total		
		2023 actual	7/1/24-6/30/25 projected with rate change	% change
REVENUE				
1	Route collection Services	\$ 1,565,919	\$ 1,638,956	4.7%
2	Drop Box Services	\$ 46,264	\$ 49,734	7.5%
3	Drop Box disposal pass-through revenue	\$ 138,793	\$ 143,211	3.2%
4	Recycling revenues	\$ 11,528	\$ 11,528	0.0%
5	Roll Cart / Container Sales revenue	\$ 22,332	\$ 1,800	-91.9%
	Total revenue	\$1,784,837	\$1,845,230	3.4%
	Number of regular route customers as of January 1, 2023*	2,043		
	Number of regular route customers as of July 1, 2023*	2,216		
	Number of regular route customers as of January 1, 2024*	2,064		
	Regular route tonnage for 2023:	2,521.7	tons	
	<i>*Regular route customers are usually cans, carts, dumpsters, based on service listings.</i>			
	Number of drop box pulls in 2023:	415		
	Drop box tonnage for 2023:	931.6	tons	
EXPENSES				
Operational expenses				
6	Disposal expense (franchised)	\$ 319,945	\$ 344,629	7.7%
7	Disposal expense (other)	\$ 100	\$ -	-100.0%
8	Recycling collection expense	\$ 13,496	\$ 15,116	12.0%
9	Recycling processing expense	\$ 232	\$ 255	10.0%
10	Labor-related expenses			
11	Labor expense	\$ 226,554	\$ 265,339	17.1%
12	Taxes, insurance	\$ 44,475	\$ 52,784	18.7%
13	Other labor-related expense	\$ 65,926	\$ 90,892	37.9%
14	Operations-related expenses			
15	Fuel	\$ 58,118	\$ 63,930	10.0%
16	Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 62,560	\$ 70,383	12.5%
17	Depreciation & Lease Expense (schedules included)	\$ 160,992	\$ 159,580	-0.9%
18	Facility Lease	\$ 33,716	\$ 43,364	28.6%
19	Equipment expense	\$ 32,894	\$ 25,000	-24.0%
20	Insurance expense	\$ 34,426	\$ 45,384	31.8%
21	Other operational expense (incl. franchise fees)	\$ 49,265	\$ 53,422	8.4%
	Total operational expenses	\$ 1,102,700	\$ 1,230,078	11.6%
	Number of route collection trucks as of January 1, 2023	3		
	Number of route collection trucks as of January 1, 2024	3		
	Number of drop box collection trucks as of January 1, 2023	2		
	Number of drop box collection trucks as of January 1, 2024	3		
Administrative expense				
21	Management services	209,303	219,768	5.0%
22	Administrative services	95,840	100,632	5.0%
23	Postage, phones, office supplies, utilities, etc.	35,343	38,585	9.2%
24	Advertising and outreach expenses	717	1,050	46.5%
25	Education, Training, Publications, dues	-	-	
26	Employee Retirement	16,619	18,000	8.3%
27	Other admin. Expenses	76,061	67,443	-11.3%
28	Total administrative expenses	\$433,882	\$445,478	2.7%
	Return on income before taxes (revenue - allowable costs)	\$248,254	\$169,673	-31.7%
	Operating margin	13.9%	9.2%	-4.7%

NVSS 2024 Schedule of Service Fees

Current and Proposed Rates

Trash Cans/Rollcarts

	Current Rates	2024 Rates	\$ ▲	% ▲
Weekly 36 cart / 32 can	\$ 32.50	\$ 34.50	\$ 2.00	6.2%
Weekly 65 cart	\$ 61.60	\$ 65.40	\$ 3.80	6.2%
EOW 36 cart / 32 can	\$ 22.95	\$ 24.35	\$ 1.25	5.4%
EOW 65 cart	\$ 30.80	\$ 32.70	\$ 2.00	6.5%
65 gal cart (per pick-up)	\$ 15.40	\$ 16.35	\$ 0.95	6.2%
95 gal cart (per pick-up)	\$ 20.55	\$ 21.80	\$ 1.25	6.1%
On-call customers	\$ 8.25	\$ 8.75	\$ 0.50	6.1%
Disposal per can / 32 can or 36 cart	\$ 8.15	\$ 8.65	\$ 0.50	6.1%
Disposal per can / 65 cart	\$ 15.40	\$ 16.35	\$ 0.95	6.2%
Disposal per can / 95 cart	\$ 20.55	\$ 21.80	\$ 1.25	6.1%
Extra (bag / box / etc.)	\$ 8.15	\$ 8.65	\$ 0.50	6.1%
Extra stop	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.05	\$ 0.40	6.0%

Containers

	Current	2024 Rates	\$ ▲	% ▲
1.5 yard per pick-up	\$ 44.30	\$ 47.05	\$ 2.75	6.2%
2 yard per pick-up	\$ 55.15	\$ 58.55	\$ 3.40	6.2%
3 yard per pick-up	\$ 77.45	\$ 82.25	\$ 4.80	6.2%
4 yard per pick-up	\$ 108.15	\$ 114.85	\$ 6.70	6.2%
5 yard per pick-up	\$ 120.90	\$ 128.40	\$ 7.50	6.2%
Container Rent	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.75	\$ 0.75	6.3%
Short-term Container Rent	\$ 8.85	\$ 9.40	\$ 0.55	6.2%
Delivery / set / Return Fee	\$ 50.95	\$ 54.10	\$ 3.15	6.2%

Roll-off / Drop Box containers

	Current	2024 Rates	\$ ▲	% ▲
15 Yard - Deposit	\$ 400.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 25.00	6.3%
20 Yard - Deposit	\$ 600.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 40.00	6.7%
30 Yard - Deposit	\$ 800.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 50.00	6.3%
Dropbox Rental per day / first 24 hours no charge	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.00	7.1%
Dropbox Monthly Rental	\$ 150.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 10.00	6.7%
Disposal @ TTS per ton	\$ 94.25	\$ 97.25	\$ 3.00	3.2%
Dropbox Truck Hour Charge	\$ 109.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 11.00	10.1%

Extra/Additional Charges

	Current	2024 Rates
Go Back Charge*	\$ 27.00	\$ 30.00
NSF Fee	\$ 26.00	\$ 30.00
Restart service for non-pay only	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00
Hourly Truck Charge	\$ 109.00	\$ 120.00