

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Regarding Proposed Increase in Solid Waste/Recycling Rates**

A public hearing on proposed increases to solid waste/recycling rates will be held by the City Council on **Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 94 Ashfield Road, Atherton CA**

The proposed new rate could be increased up to 16.9% effective March 17, 2010. This notice also describes how to file a protest regarding the proposed rate increases. All property owners/tenants and other interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard on the proposed rate increases.

**Proposed New Rates:**

As detailed below, the proposed rate schedule includes a fixed rate for each gallon of refuse, with no additional charge for recycled materials or green waste collection. A new \$20 per month fee is proposed to cover the cost of backyard service. This fee would not be charged to households where disability prevents the use of the curbside service.

| <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Volume</u> | <u>Current Monthly Rates</u> | <u>Proposed Monthly Rates</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1               | 20 gallon     | \$14.80                      | \$17.31                       |
| 1               | 32 gallon     | \$23.68                      | \$27.69                       |
| 1               | 45 gallon     | \$29.60                      | \$34.61                       |
| 2               | 32 gallon     | \$47.36                      | \$55.38                       |

**Basis For New Rates:**

The above new rates are necessary because the cost to Republic Services (Allied Waste Company) of providing solid waste/recycling services has increased due to increased labor costs, increased disposal costs and bond debt necessary for the Recycling Facility improvements.

The need for these increases was discussed by the City Council at its meeting of January 20, 2010. The staff report for this matter is available on the Town's website [www.ci.atherton.ca.us](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us), or at the Town's Administrative offices.

**Protest Procedures:**

The City Council of the Town of Atherton will hold a public hearing on March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Atherton Town Council Chambers, 94 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA. At this hearing, the City Council will consider public comment as well as written protests by ratepayers and property owners against the proposed increase in solid waste/recycling fees. Any person interested, including any solid waste/recycling collection customers of the Town of Atherton, may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in rates.

Any written protest must be signed by the property owner or the customer responsible for payment of the fee and it must include the service address or assessor's parcel number

(APN). The Town of Atherton must receive any written protest at Town Hall by 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2010, or the written protest must be presented at the City Council meeting on March 17, 2010 prior to the close of the public hearing on the matter. If you wish to mail a written protest, please send it in a sealed envelope addressed to Solid Waste Rates, Deputy City Clerk, Town of Atherton, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027. Only one protest may be filed per parcel or service address.

If written protests are presented by a majority of affected property owners/customers prior to close of the public hearing, the City Council cannot adopt the proposed rates and another rate structure would have to be proposed.

If you would like additional information on the proposed rates, please visit Town Administrative Offices at 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA or call 650-752-0529.