RESOLUTION 2022 - 37

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO INCREASE THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AUGUSTA SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, 7-11-1024, MCA states the Board of County Commissioners may make assessments or impose fees for the costs and expenses of the Augusta Solid Waste District based upon budget; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries of the Augusta Solid Waste District are included in the Resolution creating the District and by this reference are hereby made a part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the Augusta Solid Waste District and the Board of County Commissioners have established the current solid waste service fees by Resolution 2015-97; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the Augusta Solid Waste District met on May 13, 2022, and recommended increases in the solid waste service fees to maintain and operate the Augusta Transfer Site and to maintain adequate cash reserves; and

WHEREAS, the costs and expenses of the District are more than the revenues collected from the current annual assessment; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2022, the Augusta Solid Waste Board approved increasing the annual assessment fee for service from one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per taxable unit to one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00) per taxable unit. This is the Equivalent Unit (EU) of 1.5 tons per household. All other assessments are based on multiples of EU (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Solid Waste Board approved maintaining the construction, demolition, or excess waste is charged by volume at \$12.50 a cubic yard and all Freon containing appliances or equipment will be charged a fee of \$30.00 per unit to cover the District cost of Freon management; and

WHEREAS, the new assessment fee for service will become effective for the 2022 tax bills and will remain in effect until such time as it is changed by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, any comments or protests to the proposed assessment fee change shall be addressed in writing to the Lewis and Clark County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 316 N Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59623, prior to Wednesday, June 29th at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners shall proceed to hear and pass upon all protests so made at a public hearing on June 30, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lewis & Clark County Commission Chambers, Room 330, 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis and Clark County that notice is hereby given beginning the protest period and setting the date of a public hearing for the approval of the fees established by the Augusta Solid Waste Board of Directors as follows:

TYPE OF UNIT

CURRENT RATE

NEW RATE

Taxing Unit

\$100.00

\$130.00

DATED this 10th day of June, 2022.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim McCormick, Chair

TEST:

Any Reeves, Clerk of the Board

Attachment A

Augusta Assessment Rates – Per Equivalent Unit (EU)

Code	Equivalent Unit (EU)	Description		Assessment
8014	1	1.5	TONS/YEAR	\$130.00
8014 A	2	3	TONS/YEAR	\$260.00
8014 B	3	4.5	TONS/YEAR	\$390.00
8014 C	4	6	TONS/YEAR	\$520.00
8014 D	5	7.5	TONS/YEAR	\$650.00
8014 E	6	9	TONS/YEAR	\$780.00
8014 F	8	12	TONS/YEAR	\$1,040.00
8014 G	12	18	TONS/YEAR	\$1,560.00