

City of Duarte
Public Services Commission
October 13, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Riley led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. ROLL CALL
Present: Riley, Rodriguez, Teleke
Absent: Dalessandro, Tovar
Staff: Rocha
4. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA - None
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Commissioner Riley made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Rodriguez seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.
6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
Mr. Richard Niño with Burrtec Waste Industries made a presentation on regarding the 2022 rate review process and the overview of potential expansion of Burrtec's bulky item pickup program. Mr. Michael Heftman with Burrtec was also in attendance as an attendee.

Overall, residential rates will increase approximately \$4.72 per month. The rate adjustment from \$27.43 to \$32.15 is based on the most common residential service level with one 90-gallon trash container, one 60-gallon recyclables container, and one 60-gallon green waste container. The residential adjustment is a 17.21 percent increase based on several cost factors with rising green waste disposal processing fees having the most significant impact on 2022 rates.

Commissioner Riley asked for further clarification on green waste versus food waste processing with the advent of SB 1383 implementation starting January 1, 2022. Mr. Niño explained how certain facilities will accept and process food and green waste differently as SB 1383 is implemented, and that how they process, including the need for transportation, is going to further impact costs in the future. As SB 1383 program implementation starts, Burrtec will continue to negotiate with the processing facilities that result in the most cost-effective outcomes for Duarte's needs.

After presenting on the rate adjustments, Mr. Niño discussed the potential expansion to the bulky item pickup program. Currently, multi-family subscriptions can rent a large bin for the purpose of collecting bulky items, contact Burrtec for bulky item pickup for an additional cost, or self-haul these items to the local transfer station in Azusa or Whittier. Unfortunately, most multi-family units were not making arrangements and paying for bulky item pickups, resulting in an increased illegal dumping throughout the city, especially in front of apartment buildings on the sidewalks and in the public right-of-way. Staff member Rocha presented data on increasing illegal dumping in the city from 2019 to 2021.

The new Multi-family Bulky Item Pickup Program would eliminate the scheduling barriers associated with the disposal of bulky items, making it an easier and more convenient service to the owners, property managers, and residents of multi-family units. Residents would be able to place their bulky items in the trash areas of their buildings at any time without scheduling. Vice Chair Rodriguez asked how any other illegal dumping would be handled if the program was implemented. Mr. Niño explained that the first year of the program, Burrtec would handle all illegal dumping while also collecting data to then analyze if the program has resulted in a decrease in the issue.

Without the program, commercial costs for the most common service, a one three-yard trash bin picked up once a week, would increase from \$199.24 to \$215.27 in 2022 due to the same cost factors impacting residential rates. With the expansion of the program, multi-family and commercial accounts would be separated (they are currently combined), whereas multi-family rates would increase from \$199.24 to \$231.54 and commercial accounts would increase from \$199.24 to \$230.26.

Vice Chair Rodriguez asked for further clarification on the cost increase to multi-family and commercial accounts. Mr. Niño and staff member Rocha explained that current rate for both multi-family and commercial accounts is equalized with the commercial food waste program that is required by State law and City ordinance. In removing multi-family accounts from the commercial accounts, the multi-family program is only paid for by multi-family units. Commercial account rates would also increase, though, because the food waste program has less accounts to share the cost.

The Commissioners then held a discussion as to whether they wanted to recommend that the Duarte City Council adopt the expansion of Burrtec's bulky item pickup program to multi-families. Commissioner Riley reconfirmed that illegal dumping work orders had increased from 51 to 80 a year since 2019, and that the 80 was likely to increase since it was not yet the end of 2021. Staff member Rocha confirmed this to be correct. Commissioner Teleke pointed out that multi-family units were going to see

a \$15 increase in 2022, even without the program, so the program is only a \$15 increase on a base rate of \$215.27. That would be an additional \$180 a year. He gave the example that if that cost is split among an 18-unit building, it would be an additional \$10 spread across the tenants.

Vice Chair Rodriguez made a motion to recommend the expansion of the bulky item pick-up to multi-family units. Commissioner Teleke seconded the motion. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Mr. Niño ended the presentation discussing the future of solid waste, especially as impacted by the implementation of SB 1383.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Vice Chair Rodriguez remarked that he received the email about the renaming of Business Center Drive to Fasana Road on October 26.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.