



**Commercial Refuse Rates – 2022
Fact Sheet**

The Public Works and Finance Departments work together each year to prepare the 5-year planning budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. To evaluate commercial rates, we analyze and compare commercial revenues to commercial expenses. Our most recent commercial rate analysis demonstrates that revenues are no longer adequate to meet expenses.

Commercial rates were last adjusted by Ordinance 14-50, with increases effective in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Residential rates were increased from \$10/month to \$12.50/month at the beginning of 2022. Staff has modeled rate increases necessary to balance commercial revenues and expenses. Our recommendation to City Council is to implement a 10% commercial rate increase effective with the July, 2022 billing cycle. This would be followed by a 10% increase effective in January, 2023. Staff recommends adopting a rate ordinance to provide for an annual rate increase of 2.25% per year thereafter. A 2.25% annual rate increase, effective in 2018, would have generated approximately the same revenue at the end of the 5-year planning period as we propose with these increases. The current rates per service and per month are found below in the January 1, 2022 columns. The proposed increases are shown in subsequent columns.

Per Service Commencing on:				
Container Size	January 1, 2022	July 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
96 gallon	\$15.00	\$16.50	\$18.15	\$18.56
2 cubic yard	\$18.38	\$20.22	\$22.24	\$22.74
4 cubic yard	\$30.80	\$33.88	\$37.27	\$38.11
6 cubic yard	\$43.22	\$47.54	\$52.30	\$53.47
8 cubic yard	\$53.65	\$59.02	\$64.92	\$66.38

Monthly Cost Commencing on:				
Container Size	January 1, 2022	July 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
96 gallon	\$65.00	\$71.50	\$78.65	\$80.42
2 cubic yard	\$79.65	\$87.61	\$96.37	\$98.54
4 cubic yard	\$133.47	\$146.81	\$161.49	\$165.13
6 cubic yard	\$187.29	\$206.02	\$226.62	\$231.72
8 cubic yard	\$232.48	\$255.73	\$281.30	\$287.63

Links to the staff Analysis, Recommendation and Exhibit A, the proposed ordinance language, can be found on this page on the City’s web-site: <https://www.cityofoberlin.com/city-government/departments/public-works/refuse-recycling-division/>

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