

**CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
MEMORANDUM FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2008**

TO: Members, City Council

FROM: Joe C. Heckel, Acting City Administrator / Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Rate Adjustment by Waste Management's (WM)

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct public hearing and approve resolution 08-__ to authorize WM's request for a 3.23% rate adjustment for City of Grass Valley and corresponding increases for gate fees and special service fees.

STAFF REPORT: Waste Management (WM) has submitted a request for a 3.23% rate adjustment pursuant to the City's solid waste franchise agreement. The Consumer Price Index increased 4.31% this past year and Waste Management is entitled to 75% of the CPI increase. The City two (2) can rate will increase from \$21.33 to \$21.95. The City of Grass Valley rates remain comparatively lower than other jurisdictions having franchises with Waste Management.

Steve Cameron of WM has reiterated his commitment to address annual community clean up campaigns, downtown waste enclosures, having rates no greater than the County's. Steve will be available at the March 25 meeting to present this item and answer any questions.

cc: Steve Cameron, Waste Management District Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 08-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRASS VALLEY
AMENDING GARBAGE SERVICE COLLECTION FEES, CHARGES AND
RATES SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO GRASS VALLEY MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTION 8.24.150.

WHEREAS, Grass Valley Municipal Code Section 8.24.150 provides that garbage service collection fees, charges and rates schedule for City shall be established and fixed by resolution, and may be amended from time to time thereafter, upon majority vote of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on March 25, 2008, did hold a properly noticed public hearing for the purpose to change and establish a garbage collection fees, charges and rates schedule for City Garbage Collection Services to become effective April 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the contract between the City and Grass Valley Disposal, Inc. for Garbage Collection Services, as amended on February 13, 1991, and assigned to Waste Management, Inc., which provides for an annual rate adjustment to be based upon the Consumer Price Index for the United States with annual modifications of 75% of the CPI with a minimum of 3%; and

WHEREAS, the current Consumer Price Index for the United States (City Average - All Urban Consumers) ending for November 2007 is calculated at 4.3%, which means that Waste Management, Inc. is entitled to a 3.23% rate increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY, as follows:

1. That the foregoing is true and correct.
2. That the Council finds and determines that said public hearing was held at the time and place fixed for same.
3. That in accordance with Section 8.24.150 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code and pursuant to the agreement with Grass Valley Disposal, Inc., as amended on February 13, 1991, subsequently assigned to Waste Management, Inc., the garbage collection fees, charges and rates schedule be amended by the schedule attached hereto includes special service fees but deleting early retrieval fee of less than one year. .
4. That said schedules shall be the only basis upon which garbage, rubbish or waste matter, as collected under provisions of compensation for services is hereby adopted to become effective April 1, 2008, respectively, and to continue thereafter until amended otherwise by the Council.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Council of the City of Grass Valley at a meeting thereof held on the 25th day of March, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member
NOES: Council Member
ABSENT: Council Member
ABSTAINING: Council Member

Mark Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Kristi K. Bashor, City Clerk

Ruthann G. Ziegler, City Attorney