



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

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***Title:**

Department of Environmental Quality – Solid Waste Fee Ordinance

***Introduction/Background:**

Waste Management operates the Ajo Landfill, Sahuarita Transfer Station, Catalina Transfer Station, and Ryan Field Transfer Station. The contract between Pima County and Waste Management allows WM to request a fee increase for disposal fees at the landfills and transfer stations. The contract provides that fee increase proposals shall be considered in good faith by the County and not unreasonably denied. If the fee increase is granted, the requirement to increase the County's annual payments to WM by the Consumer Price Index will be waived. WM has requested increased fees for 2023-2025.

***Discussion:**

The Board of Supervisors previously adopted a fee ordinance that increased fees annually from July 1, 2018, through July 1, 2022. If no action were taken, the fees adopted on July 1, 2022 would remain in place. WM has requested increased fees to begin on August 1, 2023, and another increase to begin on July 1, 2024. The discounted user fees for low-income households would remain as is.

***Conclusion:**

PDEQ is proposing the new fee schedule ordinance for a fee increase for a period of two years, beginning on August 1, 2023.

***Recommendation:**

PDEQ recommends approval of the proposed new fee schedule.

***Fiscal Impact:**

Pima County currently pays \$736,560 to WM every year, in monthly increments of \$61,380. For every year since the contract was adopted in 2013, there has been an increase in the fees to users at the landfills and transfer stations. Because of those annual increases, there has not been an attendant annual increase in the monthly fee based on the Consumer Price Index. If a reasonable fee increase were denied, it would mean that the County would need to increase the payments to WM adjusted by the CPI starting in August, 2023.

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department: Environmental Quality

Telephone: 520-724-7400

Contact: Abigail Okrent

Telephone: 520-724-7325

Department Director Signature: _____

Ursula Nelson

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Date: **4/25/2023**

Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____

1 May 2023

County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____

5/1/23

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023 - _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; REPEALING THE EXISTING FEE SCHEDULE FOR PIMA COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE FACILITIES AND ADOPTING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR PIMA COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE FACILITIES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2 of Pima County Ordinance Number 2017-40 is repealed on August 1, 2023.

Section 2. The Fee Schedule for Pima County's Solid Waste Facilities (Landfills and Transfer Stations) is adopted as follows.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR LANDFILLS AND TRANSFER STATIONS

A. COMMERCIAL HAULERS

1. AJO LANDFILL

a. Municipal Solid Waste

Effective Date	Loose	Compacted
August 1, 2023	\$15.50/cubic yard	\$20.00/cubic yard
July 1, 2024	\$17.00/cubic yard	\$22.00/cubic yard

b. Green Waste

Effective Date	Pickup Truck	Pickup Truck with Trailer
August 1, 2023	\$15.50	\$31.00
July 1, 2024	\$17.00	\$34.00

2. CATALINA TRANSFER STATION

Effective Date	Per ton, pro-rated with a minimum
August 1, 2023	\$54.00/ton, minimum \$27.00
July 1, 2024	\$59.50/ton, minimum \$29.75

3. SAHUARITA TRANSFER STATION

Effective Date	Per ton, pro-rated with a minimum
August 1, 2023	\$54.00/ton, minimum \$27.00
July 1, 2024	\$59.50/ton, minimum \$29.75

B. RESIDENTIAL HAULERS

1. AJO LANDFILL

Effective Date	Per car	Per truck
August 1, 2023	\$7.00	\$9.00
July 1, 2024	\$7.75	\$10.00

2. CATALINA TRANSFER STATION

Effective Date	Per vehicle if under 1 ton	Per ton, pro-rated
August 1, 2023	\$27.50	\$49.00
July 1, 2024	\$30.25	\$54.00

3. RYAN FIELD TRANSFER STATION

Effective Date	Per vehicle
August 1, 2023	\$13.50
July 1, 2024	\$15.00

4. SAHUARITA TRANSFER STATION

Effective Date	Per vehicle if under 1 ton	Per ton, pro-rated
August 1, 2023	\$27.50	\$49.00
July 1, 2024	\$30.25	\$54.00

C. SPECIAL FEES AT ALL FACILITIES

Effective Date	Non-standard waste fee	Added special handling fee	Added evaluation fee if necessary	Added uncovered load fee if applicable
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August 1, 2023	\$125/ton	\$100/load	\$150/evaluation	\$25/load
July 1, 2024	\$125/ton	\$100/load	\$150/evaluation	\$25/load

D. WASTE TIRE COLLECTION SITE

Effective Date	Standard, on-road, per ton pro-rated	Non-standard, off-road, per ton pro-rated	Added per load fee for tires with rims	Added per load fee for special handling
August 1, 2023	\$30.00, minimum \$15.00	\$150.00, minimum \$30.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
July 1, 2024	\$30.00, minimum \$15.00	\$150.00, minimum \$30.00	\$75.00	\$100.00

Section 3. This Ordinance is effective August 1, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 4/6/23

Jacob Kavkewitz

Deputy County Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

 4/6/2023

Ursula Nelson, Director

Department of Environmental Quality

Solid Waste Fee Ordinance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality is proposing a new fee schedule ordinance for a fee increase for usage of solid waste landfills and transfer stations in Pima County.

The Board of Supervisors previously adopted a fee ordinance that increased fees annually from July 1, 2018, through July 1, 2022. If no action were taken, the fees adopted on July 1, 2022 would remain in place.

Waste Management is a private company that operates the Ajo Landfill, Sahuarita Transfer Station, Catalina Transfer Station, and Ryan Field Transfer Station. The contract between Pima County and Waste Management allows WM to request a fee increase for disposal fees at the landfills and transfer stations. The contract provides that fee increase proposals shall be considered in good faith by the County and not unreasonably denied. If the fee increase is granted, the requirement to increase the County's annual payments to WM by the Consumer Price Index will be waived.

WM has requested increased fees for 2023-2025. They requested increased fees to begin on August 1, 2023, and another increase to begin on July 1, 2024. PDEQ presents the proposed ordinance with those new fees and timetable.

The discounted user fees for low-income households would remain as they currently are.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017- 40

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Section 2. The Fee Schedule for Pima County's Solid Waste Facilities (Landfills and Transfer Stations) is adopted as follows.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR LANDFILLS AND TRANSFER STATIONS

A. COMMERCIAL HAULERS

The fees for commercial haulers shall be prorated fractionally based on tonnage.

July 1, 2018	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022
AJO LANDFILL (MSW)				
\$12/CY loose	\$12/CY loose	\$13/CY loose	\$13/CY loose	\$14/CY loose
\$16/CY compacted	\$16/ CY compacted	\$17/CY compacted	\$17/ CY compacted	\$18/ CY compacted
AJO LANDFILL (Green Waste Disposal)				
\$12/Pick-up truck	\$12/Pick-up truck	\$13/Pick-up truck	\$13/Pick-up truck	\$14/Pick-up truck
\$24/Pick-up truck w/trailer	\$24/Pick-up truck w/trailer	\$26/Pick-up w/Trailer	\$26/Pick-up w/trailer	\$28/Pick-up w/trailer
CATALINA TRANSFER STATION				
\$45.00/ton (minimum \$20)	\$47.00/ton (minimum \$20)	\$47.00/ton (minimum \$22)	\$49.00/ton (minimum \$22)	\$49.00/ton (minimum \$24)
SAHUARITA TRANSFER STATION				
\$45.00/ton (minimum \$20)	\$47.00/ton (minimum \$20)	\$47.00/ton (minimum \$22)	\$49.00/ton (minimum \$22)	\$49.00/ton (minimum \$24)
ALL SOLID WASTE FACILITIES				
Non-Standard Waste Fee	\$100/ton			
Special Handling Fee	\$75/load			
Evaluation Fee	\$150/evaluation			
Uncovered Load Fee	\$20/load			

B. RESIDENTIAL HAULERS

The fees for Residential haulers at, or above, one ton will be prorated fractionally based on tonnage.

July 1, 2018	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022
AJO LANDFILL				
\$3/car \$7/truck	\$5/car \$7/truck	\$5/car \$7/truck	\$5/car \$8/truck	\$6/car \$8/truck
CATALINA TRANSFER STATION				
\$20/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$20/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$22/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$22/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$25/vehicle (less than 1 ton)
\$40/ton	\$40/ton	\$43/ton	\$43/ton	\$44/ton
RYAN FIELD TRANSFER STATION				
\$10/vehicle	\$10/vehicle	\$11/vehicle	\$11/vehicle	\$12/vehicle
SAHUARITA TRANSFER STATION				
\$20/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$20/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$22/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$22/vehicle (less than 1 ton)	\$25/vehicle (less than 1 ton)
\$40/ton	\$40/ton	\$43/ton	\$43/ton	\$44/ton

C. WASTE TIRE COLLECTION

WASTE TIRE COLLECTION SITE	
Standard, on-road tires	\$30/ton (minimum \$15)
Non-Standard, off-road tires	\$150/ton (minimum \$30)
Tires with rims	\$75/load (in addition to tonnage fee)
Special Handling Fee	\$75/load (in addition to tonnage fee)

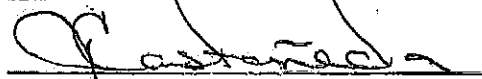
Section 3. This Ordinance is effective July 1, 2018.

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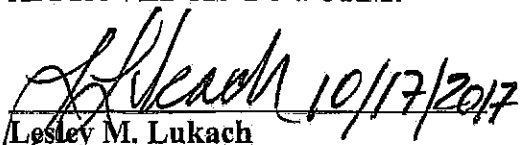
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Chair of the Board of Supervisors

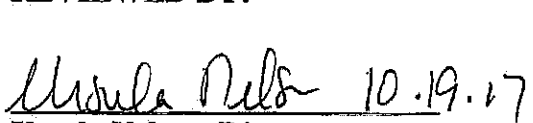
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Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Lesley M. Lukach
Deputy County Attorney

REVIEWED BY:


Ursula Nelson, Director
Department of Environmental Quality

Abigail Okrent

From: Judy Tovar
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Abigail Okrent
Subject: FW: Rate Increase request
Attachments: Pima County Fee Schedule fee for 2023 proposed.xlsx

I haven't reviewed so this may not be final. Please proceed with the current rate sheet and confirm timelines. We will review upon Ursula's return but I know we want this to move forward asap! I'm looking forward to seeing a timeline!

From: Snedecor, Mark <msnedeco@wm.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Ursula Nelson <Ursula.Nelson@pima.gov>; Judy Tovar <Judy.Tovar@pima.gov>; Al Wylie <Al.Wylie@pima.gov>
Cc: Snedecor, Mark <msnedeco@wm.com>; Styer, Branden <bstyer@wm.com>
Subject: Rate Increase request

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Pima County Team

It has been a pleasure serving the citizens of Pima County since taking over solid waste operations from Tucson Recycling and Waste. WM is committed to providing the highest quality Solid Waste and Recycling solutions to our customer and communities. WM sincerely values your patronage and looks forward to our continued partnership.

Since talking over the Operations Contract WM has been working to improve the quality of service provided at the various Pima County sites. Here are a few of the improvement highlights:

- Install new computer hardware and software which has provided a better and more efficient billing experience our customers and reduced turn times.
- Installed a Credit Card machine at each facility providing customers payment options opposed to limiting to just cash.
- Refreshed the scale house with new flooring and paint.
- Upgraded the yellow iron and added a backup unit at each location Transfer
- Added extra laborers to ensure litter control and improve traffic control
- Expanded Recycling to include white whit good (refrigerators) and other Freon containing appliances
- Implemented uniforms and required PPE for staff
- Certified all scales and added visual weight indicators for customers
- Installed Tarp rack for outbound transfer trucks. This is safer for employees and reduces litter across Pima County
- Installed Security camera systems
- Updated and improved signage
- Installed new litter fence at each site to better control litter

As we all have seen and felt over the past few year's prices for everything as increased. WM is not immune from these raising cost and is seeking to increase rates at the various sites over the next two year. These increases are detailed in the attached sheet. Note that WM is not seeking an increase to our base operations fee during this period.

Our goal continues to be to provide residents of Pima County with the highest quality, environmentally responsible service at reasonable prices. To achieve this goal Waste Management will continue to look for process improvements and programs to maximize value for your disposal dollar. Please don't hesitate to call me with any question or concerns at (602) 721-5180

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Pima County Rates

Fee Schedule for landfills and Transfer Stations

A: Commercial Haulers

Description	Proposed		
	July 1,2022	July 1,2023	July 1,2024
AJO landfill - MSW			
CY Loose	\$14.00	\$15.50	\$17.00
CY Compacted	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$22.00
AJO landfill - Green Waste			
Pick-up Truck	\$14.00	\$15.50	\$17.00
Pick-up Truck w/Trailer	\$28.00	\$31.00	\$34.00
Catalina Transfer Station			
Waste	\$49.00	\$54.00	\$59.50
Minimum	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$29.75
Sahuarita Transfer Station			
Waste	\$49.00	\$54.00	\$59.50
Minimum	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$29.75
All Solid Waste Facilities			
Non-Standard Waste fee	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Special Handling Fee	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Evaluation Fee	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Uncovered Load Fee	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

B: Residential Haulers

Description	July 1,2022	July 1,2023	July 1,2024
AJO landfill			
Car	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$7.75
Truck	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$10.00
Catalina Transfer Station			
Car	\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.25
Per Ton	\$44.00	\$49.00	\$54.00
Ryan Field Transfer Station			
Car	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$15.00
Sahuarita Transfer Station			
Car	\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.25
Per Ton	\$44.00	\$49.00	\$54.00

C: Waste Tire Collection

Standard, On-road Tires per Ton	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Non - Standard , Off-road Tire per ton	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Tires with rims Plus Tonnage Fee	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Special Handling Fee Plus tonnage fee	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

Annual payment	\$736,560.00	\$736,560.00	\$736,560.00
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Legal requirements, proof of notice, and additional notice provided

The legal requirements for publication and proof of those publications are enclosed.

PDEQ created additional public notices beyond what was legally required. PDEQ's goal is not merely to meet our legal requirements, but to ensure adequate notice to allow meaningful public participation.

PDEQ created a web page on our home page that had links to information about the ordinance, a Frequently Asked Questions sheet, and a link to the comment form, among other information. Many of the documents were translated into Spanish. An image of that web page, which is still live at the time of this submission and will remain so for a period after the ordinance is adopted, is enclosed.

PDEQ also published a notice in Spanish in Arizona Bilingual magazine. The notice was in the May edition, both online and in print. An image of that notice is enclosed.

PDEQ created bilingual fliers to be distributed at landfills and transfer stations, and bilingual sandwich boards to be displayed at landfills and transfer stations. The fliers had bit.ly links to the web page, and the sandwich boards had QR codes linking to the web page. The flier content and a representative photograph of a sandwich board are attached.

11-251.13. Proposed county taxes and fees; notification required; exception

A. A board of supervisors may not levy or assess any new taxes or fees or increase existing taxes or fees pursuant to statute on a business without complying with this section.

B. A board that proposes to levy or assess a tax or fee shall:

1. If the imposition of the proposed tax or fee is a new charge, provide written notice of the proposed charge on the home page of the county's website at least sixty days before the date the proposed new tax or fee is approved or disapproved by the board.

2. If the board proposes to increase the rate of an existing tax or fee on a business, provide written notice of the proposed increase on the home page of the county's website at least sixty days before the date the proposed new rate is approved or disapproved by the board.

C. A board shall demonstrate that the taxes or fees are imposed pursuant to statute.

D. This section does not apply to any fee adopted pursuant to section 11-1102 or any tax adopted pursuant to section 42-17107 or 48-254.

Proposed Pima County Taxes and Fees

Public Notice of Proposed Solid Waste Fee Schedule Change for Pima County Department of Environmental Quality

(Posted March 28, 2023)

The Pima County Board of Supervisors is providing notice that a public hearing will be held to repeal Ordinance No. 2017-40 and adopt Ordinance No. 2023-____. The proposed ordinance would repeal and replace the current fee schedule for solid waste disposal, increasing certain fees. The hearing is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors' meeting on June 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter.

The proposed ordinance, current ordinance, and additional information can be found on the [Solid Waste Fee Schedule](#) page of the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ).

Written comments on the proposed ordinance may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) online at or on paper. Comments must be received by May 9, 2023, to be considered in PDEQ's presentation to the Pima County Board of Supervisors. For paper copies of information, to submit written comments, or for more information, please contact PDEQ at 520-724-7325, Abigail.Okrent@pima.gov, or 33 N. Stone Avenue, 7th Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

The public hearing will begin at 9 a.m., or thereafter, on June 6, 2023, at the Pima County Administration Building, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 130 W. Congress Street, 1st Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Requests to speak at the public hearing may be submitted up until 5:00p.m. on June 5, 2023, by emailing the Clerk of the Board. For information and questions about the hearing, see www.pima.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or contact the Clerk of the Board at 520-724-8449 or COB_mail@pima.gov.

11-251.05. Ordinances

A. The board of supervisors may:

1. In the conduct of county business, adopt, amend and repeal all ordinances necessary or proper to carry out the duties, responsibilities and functions of the county which are not otherwise specifically limited by section 11-251 or any other law or in conflict with any rule or law of this state.

2. Prescribe punishment by fine or imprisonment, or both, for the violation of an ordinance adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection. A fine or imprisonment shall not exceed the maximum limitations for a class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Ordinance authority under subsection A of this section shall be in addition to and preemptive of ordinance, rule making or regulatory authority of any other county board or county commission. A county may not impose taxes except as otherwise provided by law and as specified in section 11-251.

C. Prior to adoption, amendment or repeal of an ordinance under this section, the board of supervisors shall hold a public hearing thereon at least fifteen days' notice of which shall be given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county seat. After adopted or amended, the ordinance shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county seat.

D. An ordinance adopted under this section may apply to the unincorporated and incorporated areas in the county if the ordinance is not in conflict with an existing city or town ordinance or state law or otherwise regulated by the state. If the ordinance is intended to apply to any incorporated area of the county, prior to the ordinance becoming effective within the boundaries of a city or town, the city or town council shall consider the ordinance and, if the council finds that the subject matter of the ordinance is not either a matter of local concern or governed by an existing city or town ordinance, the council shall approve by resolution the application or enforcement of such ordinance within the boundaries of the city or town. Upon thirty days' notice to the county, a city or town council may rescind such approval by resolution if the subject matter of the ordinance is governed or to be governed by a city or town ordinance. An ordinance may apply to the unincorporated areas of the county, to part or parts of such areas or to a combination of incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county, as the board deems appropriate and subject to the approval of a city or town as specified in this subsection.

E. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit a county from exercising such powers and authority as are granted under other provisions of state law.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Proposed Solid Waste Fee Schedule Ordinance Change for Pima County Department of Environmental Quality providing notice that a public hearing will repeal Ordinance No. 2017-40 and adopt

FIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Public Notice

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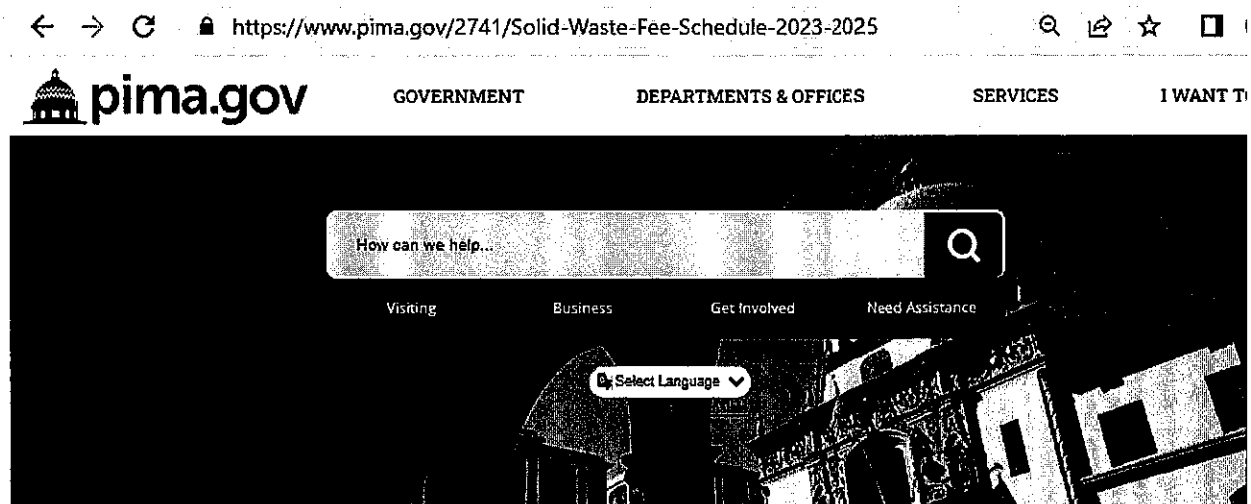
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Solid Waste Fee Schedule Web Page

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◦ Draft, Proposed, & Final Rules

◦ Introduction to Rulemaking Process

◦ State Implementation Plan

◦ Solid Waste Fee Schedule 2023-2025

◦ Rulemaking Notification Form

◦ Solid Waste Fee Schedule Public Comment Form

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SOLID WASTE FEE SCHEDULE 2023-2025

Information on proposed solid waste fee schedule ordinance change
(Updated April 6, 2023)

Cuando estén disponibles, los documentos traducidos se encuentran junto a los documentos en inglés

[Notice of Proposed Solid Waste Fee Schedule Change](#) | [Aviso Publico](#)

[New Proposed Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Schedule 2023-2025 \(Updated 4/6/23\)](#) | [Ordenanza](#)

[Current Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Schedule 2018-2022](#)

Online Public Comment Form*

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Landfill Discount

All users except Ajo residents - [Financial Hardship Fee Reduction](#) | [Reducción de Cargos por Dificultades Financieras](#)

Ajo - Ajo residents may apply for the landfill discount at the International Sonoran Desert Alliance Ajo Works office located at 321 E Taladro, Ajo, AZ. Walk in hours are on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at 520-387-3570.

Information about WM of Arizona

[Landfill and transfer stations operated by WM of Arizona](#)

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Community

U.S. Air Force to retire the A-10 Thunderbolt, heart of Davis-Monthan AFB

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, commonly referred to just as the A-10 or "Warthog", has been in service since 1976, when the United States Air Force was on the lookout for a low-altitude, close air support (CAS) aircraft. With Davis-Monthan Air Force Base becoming the first unit to receive this aircraft, the A-10 turned into one of the most widely used in U.S. military deployments around the world, including Operation Desert Storm and the subsequent Gulf War, the invasion of Afghanistan, and the Iraq War.

However, in the last couple of years, talks of retiring the A-10 increased amid concerns over its obsolescence when compared to aircraft such as fifth-generation jet fighters like the F-35 Lightning II, which, though built for different purposes, may be able to achieve the goals of the Thunderbolt at a decreased risk for the pilot and the aircraft itself thanks to the use of smart munitions.

A prior opponent of such policy was Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), who vouched sternly for the A-10 because of the role it played in air support missions for ground troops.

Kelly, who was a combat pilot himself, also raised the issue of the potential economic impact this plan would have primarily in the A-10's home base in Tucson, stating that the airplane is "an economic driver for the area." Davis-Monthan AFB employs about 5,000 people in service of the aircraft.

Nonetheless, Arizona lawmakers at both the state and federal level, among them U.S. senators Mark Kelly, Kyrsten Sinema, and representatives Rubén Gallego and Juan Ciscomani, have publicly expressed their support for the change, albeit with some caveats, now that the Air Force has announced plans to establish a new wing, what they called the 492nd Power Projection Wing, to replace the A-10-focused units on-site.

Though the purpose of this new mission remains unclear, Air Force spokeswoman Sarah Fiocco told Air & Space Forces Magazine that it will be a "special operations unit based in the U.S. that can be sent anywhere."

The A-10 is set to be completely retired over the course of several years, 2029 being the prospective goal.



Ordenanza de Tarifas de Desechos Sólidos 2023-2025

Aviso sobre el Propuesto Cambio a la Tarifa de Desechos Sólidos en el Condado Pima



PIMA COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

El Departamento de Calidad Ambiental del Condado Pima está avisando que habrá una audiencia pública para revocar la Ordenanza No. 2017-40 y adoptar la Ordenanza No. 2023-____. La ordenanza propuesta revocaría y reemplazaría las tarifas actuales para deshacerse de desechos sólidos, aumentando ciertos cobros. La audiencia está programada para la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores del 6 de junio, 2023 a las 9 a.m.

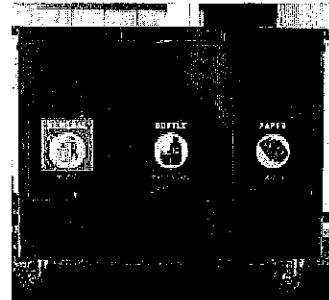
Para ver la ordenanza propuesta, la ordenanza actual, e información adicional visite la página web del Departamento de Calidad Ambiental del Condado Pima (PDEQ) en <http://bit.ly/PDEQfees>.

Comentarios escritos sobre la ordenanza propuesta pueden ser enviados a PDEQ en línea (<http://bit.ly/PDEQfees>) o por escrito. Los comentarios deben ser recibidos antes del 9 de mayo, 2023 para ser considerados para la presentación de PDEQ a la Junta de Supervisores del Condado Pima. Para recibir detalles por escrito, enviar comentarios, o solicitar más informa-

ción, contacta a PDEQ al 520-724-7325, Abigail.Okrent@pima.gov, o 33 N. Stone Avenue, 7th Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo a partir de las 9 a.m. el 6 de junio, 2023, en la sala de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado Pima ubicada en el 130 W.

Congress Street, 1st Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Para hablar durante la audiencia, debes enviar tu solicitud antes de las 5 p.m. el 5 de junio, 2023, por correo electrónico al Secretario de la Junta. Para más información y preguntas sobre la audiencia, visita <https://www.pima.gov/2312/Clerk-of-the-Board> o contacta al Secretario de la Junta al 520-724-8449 o COB_mail@pima.gov



Cómo prepararse para la temporada del monzón

La temporada del monzón es una parte importante de nuestro ecosistema desértico, ya que la precipitación que cae le proporciona al suelo y a la vegetación de nuestra región el agua y los nutrientes necesarios, sobre todo entre las temperaturas áridas que dominan durante el verano. Sin embargo, tormentas cada vez más intensas también pueden presentar un peligro grave, pues puede causar que inundaciones repentinas surjan en un instante. La Red de Información de Emergencia de Arizona ha dado las siguientes recomendaciones para prepararse para esta temporada del monzón:

- Planee y practique un plan de comunicación familiar en caso de emergencia; prepare un kit de emergencia para llevar con alimentos no perecederos y agua para todos los integrantes de su familia, documentos importantes, medicina y un radio meteorológico. Investigue que riesgos se encuentran en su comunidad y a donde viaja.

- Dese la vuelta, ¡no se ahogue!: Cuando viaje, ponga atención a los reportes del clima, vigilancias y alertas y pronósticos en el área donde se encuentra. Uno de los peores errores que una persona puede cometer es subestimar el poder del agua, ya que solo toma 6 pulgadas de aguas rápidas para tirar a una persona y 18 pulgadas son suficientes para jalar casi cualquier vehículo.

- Orillese y proteja su vida: Vientos de



monzón intensos pueden crear densas tormentas de polvo que reducen la visibilidad a casi cero. Si está atrapado en una tormenta de polvo, orillese, coloque su vehículo en posición de estacionamiento, apague sus luces y retire su pie del pedal del freno.

- Cuando truena, casa espera: Las tormentas veraniegas se pueden mover rápida y mortalmente. Los rayos pueden caer desde más de 10 millas de distancia y causar incendios que se propagan rápidamente si hay viento. Si escucha truenos, un rayo está a distancia de caer. Si una tormenta se acerca, busque un techo y manténgase dentro por al menos 30 minutos.

How to prepare for monsoon season

Monsoon season is an important part of our desert ecosystem as the rainfall that it brings gives the soil and vegetation of our region that much needed water and nutrients, especially in the hot temperatures that reign during the summer. However, increasingly intense storms can also be a grave danger, as it can cause flash floods to spring at a moment's notice. The Arizona Emergency Information Network has made the following recommendations for this upcoming monsoon season:

- Plan and rehearse a family communication plan in case of emergency; prepare an emergency to-go kit with nonperishable food and water for all members of your family, important documents, medicine, and a weather radio. Inquire what hazards are in your community and where you travel.

- Turn Around, Don't Drown: When traveling, pay attention to weather reports, watches and warnings, and forecasts for the area you are in. One of the worst mistakes a person can make is underestimate the power of water, as it only takes about 6 inches of fast moving-water to knock an adult off their feet, and 18 inches is enough to carry most vehicles away.



PIMA COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) is proposing to increase solid waste fees.

The new fees would go into effect on August 1, 2023.

PDEQ is accepting public comments on the fee increases through **May 9**.

Visit <http://bit.ly/PDEQfees> or scan the QR code for more information.



For paper copies of information, to submit written comments, or for more information, please contact PDEQ at 520-724-7325, Abigail.Okrent@pima.gov, or 33 N. Stone Avenue, 7th Floor, Tucson, AZ 85701.

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A public hearing on the proposed fee increase is scheduled for the Pima County Board of Supervisors' meeting on June 6, 2023, at 9 a.m. or thereafter.

The hearing will take place at the Pima County Administration Building, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 130 W. Congress Street, 1st Floor, Tucson, AZ 85701. Requests to speak at the public hearing may be submitted up until 5 p.m. on June 5, 2023, by emailing the Clerk of the Board. For information and questions about the hearing, see www.pima.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or contact the Clerk of the Board at 520-724-8449 or COB_mail@pima.gov.



PIMA COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**La nueva tarifa entraría en efecto
a partir del 1 de agosto, 2023.**

PDEQ está aceptando comentarios del público sobre el aumento a la tarifa hasta el 9 de mayo.

Visita **<http://bit.ly/PDEQfees>** o escanea el código QR para más información.




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La audiencia pública comenzará a las 9 a.m., o después, el 6 de junio, 2023, en la sala de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado Pima Administration Building, 130 W. Congress Street, 1st Floor, Tucson, AZ 85701.

Para hablar durante la audiencia pública, debes enviar tu solicitud antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 5 de junio, 2023, por correo electrónico al Secretario de la Junta. Para más información y preguntas sobre la audiencia, visita www.pima.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx o contacta al Secretario de la Junta al 520-724-8449 o COB_mail@pima.gov.


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Solid Waste Fee Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality advertised a public comment period that was open until May 9 for the comments to be included in this packet to the Board of Supervisors. PDEQ informed the public that they could continue to submit comments directly to the Board of Supervisors up to the day before the Board of Supervisors hearing.

PDEQ received 7 emails and 2 phone calls. All but one of the comments were from residents of Ajo. The general concerns were that Ajo was being left out, and that the increased fees were going to be hard on low-income residents and on the one local business providing residential waste hauling. Some commenters expressed concerns about the condition of the landfill, but others said it was in good condition. PDEQ spoke with both of the callers and sent individualized written responses to all of the written comments.

The written comments and responses are attached.

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The proposed ordinance, current ordinance, and additional information can be found on the [Solid Waste Fee Schedule page](#) of the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ).

Written comments on the proposed ordinance may be submitted using the form below. Comments must be received by May 9, 2023, to be considered in PDEQ's presentation to the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

****Fields with asterisks (*) are required and must be completed before submitting.****

First Name	Michael
Last Name	Barber
Street Address or P.O. Box	1341 , N Washington Ave
City	Ajo
ZIP Code	85321
Phone Number	7602391988
Email	ssg1977@hotmail.com
Comments	I know you will raise the cost to dispose of garbage no matter what! You get enough money from us the taxpayers to run all the programs in this county without needing more but you always want more. Start spending my tax dollars responsibly and stop stealing my hard earned income!



May 10, 2023

Ssg1977@hotmail.com

Re: Pima County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Comments

Dear Mr. Barber,

Thank you for your comment, received on April 12, 2023. Your comment will be included in the information we submit to the Board of Supervisors.

None of the user fees at the landfills or transfer stations go to Pima County. All the fees are collected and kept by Waste Management, the company that Pima County contracts with to run the landfills and transfer stations. To learn more about the contract between Pima County and Waste Management, including what happens if the County does not grant Waste Management's requests for fee increases, please refer to the attached FAQ sheet.

If you feel that you cannot pay the increased fees at the landfills, you can apply for a discounted entry fee of \$2 for the entire year. Ajo residents may apply for the landfill discount at the International Sonoran Desert Alliance Ajo Works office located at 321 E Taladro, Ajo, AZ. Walk-in hours are on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at 520-387-3570.

Please reach out to us if you have additional questions or concerns about this matter. Please note that any comments received after May 9, 2023, will not be included in PDEQ's presentation to the Board of Supervisors. If you wish to submit a comment directly to the Board of Supervisors, email COB_mail@pima.gov before 5pm on June 5, to be considered by the June 6 Board of Supervisors meeting. You may also contact your Supervisor, Sharon Bronson, directly at District.3@pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Abigail Okrent
Senior Program Manager – Rules Writer

Ursula Nelson, Interim Director

Abigail Okrent

From: rodney hopkins <rodneywhopkins@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 9:28 AM
To: Abigail Okrent
Subject: Re: the proposed increase in solid waste disposal fees

CAUTION: This message and sender come from outside Pima County. If you did not expect this message, proceed with caution. Verify the sender's identity before performing any action, such as clicking on a link or opening an attachment.

I understand that the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality has proposed an increase in the fees charged for solid waste disposal, and I believe this will have a negative impact on the environmental quality in Ajo and the surrounding Sonoran Desert.

Pima County is not a one-size-fits-all county; Ajo is a small town, 2 hours from any large town in Pima County. We are so remote and small that often it feels like the powers-that-be in Pima County forget that we are out here. This proposed increase feeds right into that perception.

Over 80% of the students enrolled in the Ajo Unified School District qualify for the Free/Reduce meals program due to the widespread poverty in our area. Families are already struggling to pay their bills, buy food, and provide the other things necessary to live; the assistance resources in our town are already beyond the capacity of the local agencies to provide for all of those families in need. An increase in the fees for solid waste disposal will be beyond the ability of many in our town to pay, and as a result we will see an increase in illegal dumping of solid waste in the hundreds of thousands of acres of largely un-monitored and un-policed BLM land that surrounds our town. This, of course, will lead to further degradation of our local environmental quality.

If PCDoEQ is really concerned about the environmental quality of the Sonoran Desert around Ajo, they would do more to contain the waste that is dropped off at our local landfill. As it is now, trash blows out of the landfill and contaminates the desert around the town.

If PCDoEQ really cared about environmental quality they would ensure that all materials that are dropped off for recycling are actually recycled, rather than sorted and stored/buried until such a time that the recycling infrastructure is in place and working efficiently. As it is now, small businesses are wasting their time and resources cleaning and separating recycling from their trash, only to have those recyclable items stored or buried (other than aluminum and cardboard).

If PCDoEQ truly cared about environmental quality they would be doing all they can to limit or ban the use of single-use plastic and styrofoam items.

In most of Pima County, there are more options for handling waste than there are in a small, isolated town like Ajo, and I fully believe that further increases in the fees charged for solid waste disposal will be bad for Ajo and the Sonoran Desert that surrounds the town, which in turn will have a negative impact on the local tourism industry, and on the town in general.

Please consider the impacts on the small, forgotten towns of Pima County, like Ajo, when considering this increase and all of your future decisions regarding environmental quality. We were told that when

MW. Inc, took over our local landfill that there would be no major changes. That has not been the case thus far, and an increase in fees will further break this promise, as well as having a negative impact on the town and community of Ajo.

Thank you,
Rodney W Hopkins
Ajo, Az



May 10, 2023

rodneywhopkins@yahoo.com

Re: Pima County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Comments

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

Thank you for your comment, received on April 15, 2023. Your comment will be included in the information we submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for raising the concern about the waste in the landfill not being contained. We will look into that and speak to Waste Management about these concerns. We will also look into concerns about recyclable items not being separated for recycling.

Ajo's discounted landfill fee process is actually unique to Ajo. Ajo residents may apply for the landfill discount at the International Sonoran Desert Alliance Ajo Works office located at 321 E Taladro, Ajo, AZ. Walk-in hours are on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at 520-387-3570.

You raise a lot of concerns that are unrelated to this fee ordinance, and outside of the authority of Pima County Department of Environmental Quality. They are excellent concerns, but we are not the right agency to address them. BLM land is managed by the federal government, and we have no authority over it. Arizona banned bag bans (<https://www.azleg.gov/ars/11/00269-16.htm>); please contact your state legislators and governor if you wish to see this law repealed. For the forward-thinking environmental policy you want to see, you might contact the Board of Supervisors directly, not PDEQ. Your supervisor is Sharon Bronson, District.3@pima.gov.

I have attached a FAQ sheet that may answer additional questions.

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Sincerely,

Abigail Okrent
Senior Program Manager – Rules Writer

Ursula Nelson, Interim Director

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First Name wayne

Last Name schwoob

Street Address or P.O. Box 90 w 8th st

City ajo

ZIP Code 85321

Phone Number 5203807282

Email chevelle509@gmail.com

Comments Pima County is asking for rate increase
waste management is the contractor on site and i ask you why is the operation
run so poorly? how can you justify increase when this property looks terrible as
far as control?
secondly waste management makes revenue from recycling, does pima county
receive % of this revenue to offset costs?
Ajo is mostly retired citizens, i know the landfill has been a benefit in keeping the
community clean, low prices to the community are important.



May 10, 2023

Chevelle509@gmail.com

Re: Pima County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Comments

Dear Mr. Schwoob,

Thank you for your comment, received on April 16, 2023. Your comment will be included in the information we submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for raising the concern about how the Ajo landfill is run. We will look into it.

None of the user fees at the landfills or transfer stations go to Pima County. All the fees are collected and kept by Waste Management, the company that Pima County contracts with to run the landfills and transfer stations. To learn more about the contract between Pima County and Waste Management, including what happens if the County does not grant Waste Management's requests for fee increases, please refer to the attached FAQ sheet.

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First Name Jane

Last Name Madsen

Street Address or P.O. Box 101 W Kater Rd

City Ajo

ZIP Code 85321

Phone Number 8056075905

Email jemadsen@earthlink.net

Comments

I feel the proposed rate increase is excessive. The rate is increasing more than 10% in all categories. Is this using inflation as an excuse to increase profits for the contractor? The landfill, at least in Ajo, is well established, there are a few earth moving machines which should have a life cycle of many years, some recycling bins that are already established and a small office. This is hardly a high-tech operation that can justify an increase of more than 10%. I would ask Pima county to ensure the rate hike is justified as an ongoing justifiable expense and not just implemented because there is an opportunity to do so now. Landfills are a public service provided by the county, not a luxury, and should not be run as a highly profitable operation. If WM is digging for higher profits, then I would expect our county's civil servants to put out a bid request for new contractors.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Jane Madsen



May 10, 2023

jemadsen@earthlink.net

Re: Pima County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Comments

Dear Ms. Madsen,

Thank you for your comment, received on April 20, 2023. Your comment will be included in the information we submit to the Board of Supervisors.

As you correctly noted, the increased fees are requested by and received by Waste Management, not by Pima County. To learn more about the contract between Pima County and Waste Management, including what happens if the County does not grant Waste Management's requests for fee increases, please refer to the attached FAQ sheet. The current contract extends to 2033. We encourage you to raise concerns about the contract directly to the Board of Supervisors.

If the new fees are unaffordable, residents can apply for a discounted entry fee of \$2 for the entire year. Ajo residents may apply for the landfill discount at the International Sonoran Desert Alliance Ajo Works office located at 321 E Taladro, Ajo, AZ. Walk-in hours are on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at 520-387-3570.

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Senior Program Manager – Rules Writer

Ursula Nelson, Interim Director

Abigail Okrent

From: Jill Lusk-Meierl <luskmeierl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 7:57 AM
To: Abigail Okrent
Subject: Ajo Landfill

CAUTION: This message and sender come from outside Pima County. If you did not expect this message, proceed with caution. Verify the sender's identity before performing any action, such as clicking on a link or opening an attachment.

To Whom it May Concern:

I have just been informed of the proposed rate increase for the landfill. I feel this will place an undue burden on the members of the community. We are a small community of people with limited income means. Although we are part of Pima County, we seem to have little participation from the county aside from Sheriff Department presence. I see the hearing is in Tucson at 9am, to further emphasize my point in the previous line. It's completely unreasonable to expect people to drive 2 hours to attend this meeting, especially with the current fuel prices, not to mention we have many elderly residents that do not drive. I've reached out to my 4 children, all of whom live in different places in the country to find out what they are paying for garbage service. 2 pay approximately the same as we currently do, and the other two are less. One of them is ½ the price of what we currently pay, \$35-\$40.

Grants Pass Oregon- \$36.70

Salem Oregon- \$38.50

Meridian Idaho- \$15.61

Loudon Tennessee- \$25

While I realize that you do not set the price of what Ajo Rubbage Control charges for pick up, it's clear that if their prices increase they will need to increase our rates. With the increased cost of food and housing this only serves to compound what we are currently going through. This is a small town and it's no secret that the previous owners enjoyed significantly lower rates than the new owners (August 2022) currently do and were still losing money. The new owners have not increased the rates for existing residential customers (\$35), only new customers will pay the higher(\$40) rate. This will be the second increase in a year if we want to haul our own trash and we'll spend any of the savings from the service in car tire replacement while paying yet higher rates at the landfill. The roads to the landfill aren't suitable for most vehicles and during the rainy season are down right dangerous!

Look, I actually prefer being left to our own devices out here and pretty much ignored by the county. That's what makes our community so much more livable than living in the city with HOA's and the like . But if you don't provide the services the rest of the county receives, kindly keep your hands out of our pockets.

Sincerely,

Jill Lusk-Meierl

Ajo resident

Sent from Mail for Windows



May 10, 2023

luskmeierl@hotmail.com

Re: Pima County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Comments

Dear Ms. Lusk-Meierl,

Thank you for your comment, received on April 25, 2023. Your comment will be included in the information we submit to the Board of Supervisors.

We have noted your concerns about the conditions of the road to the landfill and will look into this.

Ajo has its own program for the discounted landfill entry fee. If the new fees are unaffordable, residents can apply for a discounted entry fee of \$2 for the entire year. Ajo residents may apply for the landfill discount at the International Sonoran Desert Alliance Ajo Works office located at 321 E Taladro, Ajo, AZ. Walk-in hours are on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at 520-387-3570.

As you note in your email, we have no control over what any private garbage hauling service charges. Pima County does not provide residential garbage hauling services in any part of the county.

The increased fees are requested by and received by Waste Management, and none of this money goes to Pima County. To learn more about the contract between Pima County and Waste Management, including what happens if the County does not grant Waste Management's requests for fee increases, please refer to the attached FAQ sheet.

You can participate remotely in the Board of Supervisors meeting by submitting comments to COB_mail@pima.gov before 5pm on June 5, to be considered by the June 6 Board of Supervisors meeting. You can also watch the meeting by using one of the links on the Pima County Board of Supervisors' website at <https://www.pima.gov/2317/Board-of-Supervisors>.

You may also contact your Supervisor, Sharon Bronson, directly at District.3@pima.gov with any broader concerns about the landfill or other services in Ajo.

Please reach out to us if you have additional questions or concerns about this matter. Please note that any comments received by PDEQ after May 9, 2023, will not be included in PDEQ's presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

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Senior Program Manager – Rules Writer

Ursula Nelson, Interim Director

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The proposed ordinance, current ordinance, and additional information can be found on the [Solid Waste Fee Schedule page](#) of the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ).

Written comments on the proposed ordinance may be submitted using the form below. Comments must be received by May 9, 2023, to be considered in PDEQ's presentation to the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

****Fields with asterisks (*) are required and must be completed before submitting.****

First Name Jeffrey

Last Name fine

Street Address or P.O. Box 16301 w killarney ave

City Tucson

ZIP Code 85736

Email dammisdeet@yahoo.com

Comments The already hard economy for people to pay for things the increase makes it that much harder. Everytime you do. I see more and more trash being dumped in the desert. Piles of it for miles. Looks like there was a container truck just dumped it all in several spots. You are just making it more difficult for people that don't have much as it is. They try and do the right thing but once priced out they just have to resort to the last thing they have which is dump it in the desert.



May 10, 2023

dammisdeet@yahoo.com

Re: Pima County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Comments

Dear Mr. Fine,

Thank you for your comment, received on April 29, 2023. Your comment will be included in the information we submit to the Board of Supervisors.

If the new fees are unaffordable, residents can apply for a discounted entry fee of \$2 for the entire year. Ajo residents may apply for the landfill discount at the International Sonoran Desert Alliance Ajo Works office located at 321 E Taladro, Ajo, AZ. Walk-in hours are on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at 520-387-3570.

The increased fees are requested by and received by Waste Management, and none of this money goes to Pima County. To learn more about the contract between Pima County and Waste Management, including what happens if the County does not grant Waste Management's requests for fee increases, please refer to the attached FAQ sheet.

Please reach out to us if you have additional questions or concerns about this matter. Please note that any comments received by PDEQ after May 9, 2023 will not be included in PDEQ's presentation to the Board of Supervisors. If you wish to have the Board of Supervisors consider comments after that date, you can email COB_mail@pima.gov before 5pm on June 5, to be considered by the June 6 Board of Supervisors meeting. You may also contact your Supervisor, Sharon Bronson, directly at District.3@pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Abigail Okrent
Senior Program Manager – Rules Writer

Ursula Nelson, Interim Director

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First Name Andrea

Last Name Vincent

Street Address or P.O. Box 2455 Elliott

City Ajo

ZIP Code 85321

Comments Rates are increasing most everywhere so it does not come as a surprise that the cost of waste management has increased as well. For the most part the landfill is run quite well in Ajo and the additional recycling services are a nice and needed improvement. The cost for a resident to dispose of yard waste and tree trimmings is a bit high and seems to work in opposition to encouraging people to keep their residences free of weeds and trees trimmed off neighbors fences and property. An even higher price will mean even less clean up. Perhaps a composting area could be set up for green waste and something beneficial could come of it. At the very least if rates are increased, the road into the dumping area should be kept graded smooth, so its not like an off road bumpy experience disposing of ones trash. Certainly there's enough equipment around to keep the road a bit more user friendly. Thank you for the consideration.



May 10, 2023

Andrea Vincent
2455 N. Elliot Road
Ajo, AZ 85321

Re: Pima County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance Comments

Dear Ms. Vincent,

Thank you for your comment, received on May 8, 2023. Your comment will be included in the information we submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for noting that the landfill is mostly well run and that you appreciate the additional recycling services. The composting area is a great idea, and we will speak to Waste Management about this. We will also look into the concerns about the road grading.

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