

City of Westmorland REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2025

FROM: Laura Fischer, City Manager

SUBJECT: Approve a 2.9% Rate Increase Adjustment for Waste Hauling Services According to Franchise Agreement with CR&R.

ISSUE:

Shall the City of Westmorland City Council approve a 2.9% Rate Increase Adjustment for Waste Hauling Services According to Franchise Agreement with CR&R?

GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Approve rate modifications as presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Customers will see a 2.9% rate increase on their bill for trash services starting in October 2025 and reflected in their bill in October 2025. For Standard Residential Services that rate increase will be .69 cents per month. Current rate is \$23.96 (without the JPA Fee of \$1.50) and will increase to \$24.65 per month for residential services.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Westmorland received the attached letter from CR&R, and according to the Terms of the Franchise Agreement they have calculated the rate increase for FY 2025-26.

The current Franchise Agreement with CR&R allows for an annual rate increase based on an "Adjustment Formula" which is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Agreement also allows CR&R to request a rate increase based on increased operating costs due to changes in Federal and State laws, rising cost of fuel, insurance, and other market driven expenses. Based on the approved annual rate increase formula based on CPI, the rate increase should be at 2.9%.

Most importantly, the current Franchise Agreement caps the rate increase at 4% per year starting October.

CONCLUSION:

A rate adjustment of 2.9% was determined to be appropriated and capped at 4% according to the Terms and Conditions of the existing Franchise Agreement with CR&R.

Staff recommends approval.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Fischer, Manager

Attachments: Letter from CR&R & Annual Price Adjustment Schedule