



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS TO SOLID WASTE RATES**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**, a public hearing will be held at the City of Lompoc City Council Chambers located at 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA 93436 to consider proposed adjustments to the City’s solid waste collection rates and landfill tipping fees. If approved by the City Council, the proposed rate adjustments will go into effect on July 1, 2026. The City of Lompoc (City) is subject to Proposition 218 and is required by law to charge its customers no more than the cost of providing solid waste collection service. Proposition 218 also contains specific notice and protest procedures for approving any increase in property-related solid waste collection rates. You are receiving this notice pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 218. Although the City Council will be considering changes to landfill charges, landfill tipping fees are not subject to Proposition 218.

**WHY RATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY**

Under Proposition 218, the City’s solid waste rates must be limited to the cost of providing service and must be sufficient to operate and maintain the solid waste system in a financially sound manner. A recent Solid Waste Rate Study evaluated the City’s current rates and the rate adjustments previously approved for future years and found that, even with those adjustments, revenues remain insufficient to strengthen the financial condition of the Solid Waste Fund. As a result, cash balances are projected to remain below desired levels for several years, limiting financial flexibility and increasing financial risk.

The City also continues to experience rising costs for labor, equipment, fuel, regulatory compliance, and capital needs. A significant cost driver is a required stormwater control system at the City’s landfill, mandated by regulatory authorities, with an estimated total project cost of approximately \$7.9 million. Construction of this system was necessary to maintain regulatory compliance and allow the landfill to continue operating. The City intends to repay amounts advanced for this project through a lease buy-back financing arrangement that must be completed by June 2026 in order to include all stormwater project costs. To improve the likelihood of securing this financing on favorable terms, the Solid Waste Fund must demonstrate financial performance typically expected by lenders. The proposed rate adjustments are intended to align revenues with the cost of service, stabilize the Solid Waste Fund, and ensure continued reliable service, consistent with Proposition 218.

**PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATES**

The City is proposing to approve a series of rate adjustments over the next five years. The basis upon which the increases were calculated considered an analysis of the City’s current and projected financial plan, a cost of service analysis, and a rate design analysis to ensure that the City’s collection rates are compliant with Proposition 218.

The effective dates and the proposed monthly rates for the most common levels of service are shown in this table:

Container Size	Pickups	Current	Effective Date				
			1-Jul-26	1-Jul-27	1-Jul-28	1-Jul-29	1-Jul-30
65 - gallon container - residential	1 x week	\$ 48.89	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
95 - gallon container - residential	1 x week	\$ 62.11	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
300 - gallon container - commercial	1 x week	\$120.79	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
450 - gallon container - commercial	1 x week	\$148.93	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

The entire proposed rate schedule, including the proposed landfill rates, can be viewed on the City’s website at <http://www.cityoflompoc.com/sw>.

## PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

Each parcel may protest the proposed rate adjustment in writing prior to or during the public hearing. Consistent with the provisions of Proposition 218 and Government Code Section 53755, this notice has been mailed to all customers and record owners of the affected properties at the addresses as they appear on the latest equalized assessment roll. If you are an owner of real property or customer subject to the proposed rates as described in this Notice, and you object to those proposed rates, you may file a written protest with the City at or before the time set for the public hearing. Written protests must be mailed or personally delivered to the City Clerk, and must be *received* by no later than the close of the public hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. E-mail protests or fax protests will not be accepted. Written protests should be mailed to:

City Clerk  
City of Lompoc  
100 Civic Center Plaza  
Lompoc, CA 93436

A valid written protest must include:

1. The name of the protester and whether the protester is a property owner or a tenant customer;
2. Identification of the property by either assessor's parcel number or street address;
3. A statement of protest ("I/we protest" will suffice), and,
4. The signature of the protestor.

The City Council will not implement the proposed new rates if a majority of parcels in the City's service area submit written protests. Each parcel will be counted as a single vote, regardless of the number of property owners or solid waste customers from that parcel. A parcel is considered to have filed a protest if any solid waste customer or property owner from that parcel files a protest.

The City Clerk will determine the validity of all protests submitted and exclude any invalid protests from the final tabulation. The City Clerk may confer with the City Attorney in determining the validity of written protests. As part of this process, the City Attorney may review contested or suspect protest forms. The City Clerk's decision shall be final and binding.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, or the proposed rate adjustments, or you would like more information, please email the City at: [sw\\_admin@ci.lompoc.ca.us](mailto:sw_admin@ci.lompoc.ca.us).



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