



City of Longview

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Agenda

City Council

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Tuesday, July 15, 2025

5:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a special meeting/workshop in the Longview City Hall, Second Floor Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. The topic of discussion follows. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. ROLL CALL
4. WORKSHOP

25-00607 SOLID WASTE RATES & CURBSIDE RECYCLING (APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES)

5. ADJOURNMENT

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

(JULY & AUGUST COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY)

Solid Waste Rates

Dropping Curbside
Recycling Scenario



Objectives

- Investigate dropping curbside recycling
 - financial impacts
 - SB 5284/RCW 70A.205 implications
 - Existing County Solid Waste Management Plan implications
 - City/Waste Connections contract implications

Assumptions

- The City would have 3 recycling locations*
- There would be 4 drop boxes at each site*
- There would be ~50% reduction in recycling
- There would be ~20% increase in garbage disposal
- Metal recycling credit available (\$130/ton)

Limitations

Does not include:

- Cost to acquire drop sites
- Cost to upgrade/develop drop sites
- Staff costs associated with accomplishing tasks
- Waste Connections cost to pick up/store/dispose of existing recycle tubs
- Capital investments made by WC

Collection Cost

Hauling Costs, per site, per year					
	Picks per week	Monthly Picks	monthly cost (hauling)	Yearly cost (hauling)	
Glass	1	4	\$ 856.00	\$	10,272.00
Cardboard	7	28	\$ 5,992.00	\$	71,904.00
Mixed paper/Metal	4	16	\$ 3,424.00	\$	41,088.00
Bin Rental/Delivery				\$	26,415.36
Site Maintenance				\$	14,155.00
TOTAL, PER SITE,					
PER YEAR	12	48	\$ 10,272.00	\$	163,834.36
TOTAL, ALL SITES,					
PER YEAR				\$	491,503.08

Disposal Cost

Disposal/Sorting

	Yearly Picks	est. tons/year	Cost/Credit
Metal Credit	192	76.8	\$ (9,984.00)
Sorting Cost			\$ 105,687.00
Garbage Cost Adjustment			\$ 322,398.60
TOTALS:			\$ 418,101.60

Presuming a 50% reduction in recycling

Presuming a 40% contamination in current curbside recycling

Presuming a 20% increase in Garbage Disposal Cost

Summarized Cost

Overall Cost Breakdown

	Current	Drop Sites
Recycling Collection	\$ 888,692.34	\$ 491,503.08
Recycling Sorting	\$ 211,374.00	\$ 105,687.00
Garbage Disposal	\$ 1,611,993.00	\$ 1,934,391.60
TOTAL	\$ 2,712,059.34	\$ 2,531,581.68

- **Savings: \$180,477
(est.)**

Fund Balance Impacts

Overall Fund Balance

	2025	2026
End of Year, with no change to rates and no changes to recycling	5.49%	-7.80%
End of Year, w/15% and no change to recycling	12.19%	11.72%
End of year, w/no change to rates and reduction to curbside recycling only	8.72%	-1.96%

Other Considerations

County Solid Waste Management Plan

- County Solid Waste Management Plan
 - *“Residential curbside recycling for single-family households is recommended as the minimum recycling service level in the designated urban areas of Cowlitz County...” (CSWMP, pg. 51)*
 - *Goal: Enhance Residential Recycling;*
 - *Action: 1. Maintain curbside recycling.” (CSWMP Pg. 53)*
- Would need to develop a separate SWMP for the City to remove curbside
- County Plan will need amendment to comply with revised RCW by 2030 *(next slide)*

SB 5284 and RCW 70A.205

“Each county and city comprehensive solid waste management plan shall include the following:

(7)(b)9i) Programs for the collection of source separated materials from residences...

(A) Until January 1, 2030, these programs shall include collection of source separated recyclable materials from single and multiple-family residences, in urban areas...

(B) ...beginning January 1, 2030, these programs shall:

(I) Provide curbside collection of source separated recyclable materials from single-family and multiple-family residences wherever curbside garbage services are provided to these entities...”

*collection
(SB5284 p.66-69)*

Service Provider Reimbursement (SB 5284/RCW 70A.205)

“...Reimbursement rates must be established equivalent to net costs, using a methodology in an approved plan as follows:

- (i) No less than 50 percent of the net costs by February 15, 2030;*
- (ii) No less than 75 percent of the net costs by February 15, 2031;*
- (iii) No less than 90 percent of the net costs by February 15, 2032, and each year thereafter.” (ESSB 5284, pg. 51)*

City/Waste Connection Contract

- Contract would need to be renegotiated and amended to address policy changes in recycling *(sect. 6.9, City/WC contract)*
- Current contract expires in April 2027 *(City/WC Amendment 6)*
- Next contract will need to address:
 - Changes to statewide recycling laws
 - Curbside composting
 - Update costs for service
 - Service provider reimbursement
 - UTC rates/franchising concept

Summary



Dropping curbside would not make a significant impact to program cost and development of City SWMP



Require contract renegotiation with only 20 months left on current contract



We would need to account for WC's capital investments in the recycling program



Make significant capital improvements on the City side



Required to return to curbside by 2030