

Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Solid Waste Management

A 6-page notice regarding charges for waste management was mailed to more than 200,000 single family homeowners. Unfortunately (perhaps intentionally) the ballot was hidden in the document and many folks discarded the notice before removing the ballot for submission.

The notice with the ballot can be found [HERE](#) and at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2025-04/measure-b-prop-218-mailer.pdf>.

- Fill Out Form – Name, Address, Signature
- Mail it (need stamp) or hand deliver to
Office of the City Clerk, 202 C Street – MS 2T, San Diego, CA 92101

Ballots must be received by the City Clerk on June 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Trash Fee Background Information

Measure B authorizing trash fee passed by less than 1% of votes

Ballot Title:

“Shall the San Diego Municipal Code be amended so that all City residents receive comparable trash, recycling, and other solid waste management services, by allowing the City to recover its cost of providing these services to eligible residential properties, which could allow the City to provide additional services, such as weekly recycling, bulky item pickup, and curbside container replacement and delivery, at no extra charge?”

[https://ballotpedia.org/San_Diego,_California,_Measure_B,_Waste_Management_Measure_\(November_2022\)](https://ballotpedia.org/San_Diego,_California,_Measure_B,_Waste_Management_Measure_(November_2022))

Ballot indicated cost recovery fee \$23-\$29; proposal more than 2X

Background: “

According to the Fiscal Impact Statement, a best estimate of what this fee would be, assuming the City only recovers costs for services it currently provides and potential costs to bill and collect fee revenue, ranges from \$23 to \$29 per month per customer.”*

\$4.5 million for consultant:

Cost-of-Service Study included online survey and information open houses

(<https://cleangreensd.org>)

Proposal Pending before the Council

Trash Container – \$47.59 for 95-gallon, \$42.88 for 65-gallon, \$36.72 for 35-gallon container; by 2027, increase to \$59.42 for 95-gallon container, \$53.46 for 65-gallon, \$45.66 for 35-gallon. All options contain 95-gal recycling and organics containers. Also, included in the fee are new containers, additional workers hired, new vehicles purchased, move the container operation to a new location, and new customer portal website. Fee included in property taxes.

No opt out option

Measure B language prevents consideration of contracting services

California Proposition 218 – Right to Vote on Taxes Act

“Requires all local governments, including charter cities, to get majority voter approval for new or increased general taxes...In any case, fees charged to property owners may not exceed the cost of providing the service.” Simple majority (estimated as 116,500) prevents implementation.

City Council Meeting, June 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing at Council Chamber, 202 C Street, 12th Floor, to approve a trash collection fee.

Resources

Lots of articles and comments on numerous media outlets, social networks, and news stations, including CBS, Facebook, Fox, inewssource, KPBS, NBC, Nextdoor, OB Rag, San Diego Union Tribune, Voice of San Diego.

SDUT, April 9, 2025, article at [San Diego cuts trash pickup price after residents balk. Here's what it could now cost. – San Diego Union-Tribune.](#)

City of San Diego: <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/trash-service-updates/proposed-solid-waste-management-fee>

Consultant: Frequently Asked Questions – <https://cleangreensd.org/resources/>
IBA (Independent Budget Analyst) Review and Analysis – [25-10 IBA Review of the Waste Collection Cost of Service Study COMPLETE RPT..pdf](#)