Spencer Huang SPU 2026-2028 Solid Waste Rates ORD 1 **CITY OF SEATTLE** ORDINANCE 127322 2 3 COUNCIL BILL 121051 4 AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of Seattle Public Utilities; revising rates 5 and charges for solid waste services; revising credits to low-income customers for solid 6 waste services; adding solid waste service categories; and amending Sections 21.36.010, 21.36.012, 21.36.016, 21.40.050, 21.40.060, 21.40.070, 21.40.080, 21.40.085, and 7 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code. 8 9 WHEREAS, Ordinance 126689 adopted solid waste rates for 2023, 2024, and 2025; and 10 WHEREAS, Resolution 30695 established financial policy targets for the Solid Waste Fund; and 11 WHEREAS, Resolution 31516 amended Resolution 30695 to strengthen the Solid Waste Fund's 12 financial policies by adding an additional debt service coverage policy; and 13 WHEREAS, Ordinance 125050 amended and updated certain provisions of the Utility Discount 14 Program, which will provide discounted solid waste rates or credits to more eligible low-15 income customers; and 16 WHEREAS, Resolution 32136 adopted a six-year Strategic Business Plan for Seattle Public 17 Utilities, which guides utility investments, service levels, and rate paths through 2030; 18 and 19 WHEREAS, the Strategic Business Plan included increases in the capital and operating 20 requirements of the Solid Waste Fund, with a resulting increase in revenue requirements; 21 and 22 WHEREAS, credits for qualified low-income customers should be revised when solid waste 23 rates change; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 21.40.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126689, is amended as follows:

21.40.050 Residential can rates and charges

A. Charges for residential can garbage and rubbish collection and disposal service shall be in accordance with the following schedules:

1. All residences with curbside/alley garbage container pickup: a charge per month or portion thereof, for once-a-week service for each service unit subscribed to, billed directly to the owner, homeowner association, or occupant thereof as follows:

((Comica Unita	Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023	Effective April 1, 2024	Effective April 1, 2025
((Service Units	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit
Micro-can (10 12 gallon)	\$26.45	\$26.85	\$27.55	\$28.25
Mini-can (18–20 gallon)	\$32.40	\$32.90	\$33.75	\$34.65
32 gallon can	\$42.15	\$42.80	\$43.90	\$45.05
60 to 65 gallon cart	\$84.20	\$85.45	\$87.65	\$89.95
90 to 96 gallon cart	\$126.40	\$128.30	\$131.65	\$135.05))

Service Units	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Service Omts	<u>Rates per</u> <u>Service Unit</u>	Rates per Service Unit		
Micro-can (10–12 gallon)	<u>\$28.25</u>	\$29.20	<u>\$30.15</u>	<u>\$31.15</u>
Mini-can (18–20 gallon)	<u>\$34.65</u>	\$35.80	\$37.00	<u>\$38.20</u>
32 gallon can	<u>\$45.05</u>	<u>\$46.55</u>	<u>\$48.10</u>	<u>\$49.70</u>
60 to 65 gallon cart	<u>\$89.95</u>	\$92.90	<u>\$95.95</u>	\$99.10
90 to 96 gallon cart	<u>\$135.05</u>	<u>\$139.50</u>	<u>\$144.10</u>	<u>\$148.85</u>

2. All residences with backyard garbage container pickup: a charge per month or portion thereof, for once-a-week service for each service unit subscribed to, billed directly to the owner, homeowner association, or occupant as follows:

((Comice Unite	Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023	Effective April 1, 2024	Effective April 1, 2025
((Service Units	Rates per	-	-	-
	Service Unit	Service Unit	Service Unit	Service Unit
32 gallon can	\$58.85	\$59.75	\$61.30	\$62.90
60 to 65 gallon cart	\$118.00	\$119.75	\$122.85	\$126.05
90 to 96 gallon cart	\$177.00	\$179.65	\$184.35	\$189.10))

Service Units	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Service Units	<u>Rates per</u> <u>Service Unit</u>	Rates per Service Unit		
32 gallon can	\$62.90	\$65.00	\$67.15	<u>\$69.40</u>
60 to 65 gallon cart	<u>\$126.05</u>	\$130.20	<u>\$134.50</u>	<u>\$138.90</u>
90 to 96 gallon cart	<u>\$189.10</u>	<u>\$195.35</u>	\$201.80	\$208.45

3. Multiunit residential consolidated curbside/alley garbage collection service. Multiunit residences with a single combined utility account may consolidate garbage into fewer service units than the number of dwelling units on the premises. Upon request, multiunit residences with multiple combined utility accounts, such as townhouse complexes, may consolidate garbage service if such premises share a single water irrigation meter for which a homeowners association is financially responsible and agrees to be financially responsible for the combined utility account, or as determined by the General Manager/CEO. In the event of consolidation, the total consolidated service volume divided by the number of dwelling units must be at least equal to the minimum equivalent service volume per unit, as determined by the General Manager/CEO.

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4. Minimum charge, no pickup service. A charge per month or portion thereof of \$6.85 shall be billed directly to the owner, homeowner association, or occupant of any residence not subscribing to pickup service to cover landfill closure costs, billing, collection, Low Income Rate Assistance, and hazardous waste costs. To be eligible for the minimum charge (zero container rate), a customer may not generate any garbage or rubbish for collection or disposal. With occupied premises, the customer must demonstrate a consistent and effective practice of selective purchasing to minimize refuse, of recycling materials whenever practical, and of composting any yardwaste generated on the premises, and the customer must have qualified for the rate on or before December 31, 1988. A customer is not eligible for the zero container rate by hauling the customer's garbage and rubbish to a transfer station or disposal site, or by disposal in another customer's containers or by the use of prepaid stickers. Vacant dwelling units in multiunit residences where each dwelling unit receives a separate combined utility bill qualify for the minimum charge where the conditions of this subsection 21.40.050.A.4 are met. Vacant dwelling units in multiunit residences with a single combined utility account do not qualify for the minimum charge.

5. Extra bundles. A customer may place an extra bundle with its container for regular pickup. The charge will be billed directly to the owner or occupant, unless a prepaid sticker is used. A prepaid sticker authorizes pickup of the bundle when placed with the customer's container. The sticker must be affixed to the bundle in order for the bundle to be picked up by the collector, and the customer not to be billed. The following charges will apply to each extra bundle:

((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$13.05 per bundle

Effective April 1, 2023: \$13.25 per bundle

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Effective April 1, 2024: \$13.60 per bundle

Effective April 1, 2025: \$13.95 per bundle))

Effective through March 31, 2026: \$13.95 per bundle

Effective April 1, 2026: \$14.40 per bundle

Effective April 1, 2027: \$14.90 per bundle

Effective April 1, 2028: \$15.40 per bundle

6. Bulky and white goods pickup. Charges for the pickup of bulky and white goods, as well as additional charges for items containing hazardous waste such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), shall be billed as follows:

	((Effective March 30, 2009
Bulky/White Goods Pickup (per item)	\$30.00
Hazardous Waste Charge (per item)	\$8.00))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Bulky/White Goods Pickup (per item)	\$30.00	<u>\$31.00</u>	\$32.00	\$33.00
Hazardous Waste Charge (per item)	<u>\$8.00</u>	<u>\$8.25</u>	<u>\$8.55</u>	<u>\$8.80</u>

7. Curbside electronics recycling pickup. Curbside electronics pickup service will be available by customer request to all residential can accounts. Each pickup of up to three electronic products set out at the curb shall be billed at \$20. Each pickup of compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) or household batteries shall be billed at \$5. The General Manager/CEO may establish additional conditions for electronic products eligible for pickup.

8. Included special items pickup. Special item pickup service is available by customer request to all residential can accounts. Eligible recipients shall request special assistance at no additional charge for each of the pickups no more than once per year:

Effective April 1, 2026: 1 battery bag pickup, 1 special items box pickup

Effective April 1, 2027: 1 battery bag pickup, 1 special items box pickup, 1

electronics pickup, 1 bulky pickup

((8))9. Curbside/alley compostable waste. A collection charge for weekly service will be billed monthly directly to the owner, homeowner association, or occupant, according to the following schedule:

((Service Units	Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023	Effective April 1, 2024	Effective April 1, 2025
((Service ones	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit	_	Rates per Service Unit
Mini can (10 to 20 gallon)	\$7.00	\$7.10	\$7.30	\$7.50
32 gallon can	\$10.50	\$10.65	\$10.95	\$11.25
90-96 gallon can	\$13.40	\$13.60	\$13.95	\$14.30
Extra bundle	\$6.75	\$6.85	\$7.05	\$7.25))

Service Units	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Service Omts	<u>Rates per</u> <u>Service Unit</u>		Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit
Mini can (10 to 20 gallon)	<u>\$7.50</u>	<u>\$7.75</u>	\$8.00	\$8.25
32 gallon can	<u>\$11.25</u>	<u>\$11.60</u>	\$12.00	<u>\$12.40</u>
90–96 gallon can	<u>\$14.30</u>	<u>\$14.75</u>	<u>\$15.25</u>	<u>\$15.75</u>
Extra bundle	<u>\$7.25</u>	<u>\$7.50</u>	<u>\$7.75</u>	<u>\$8.00</u>

((9))10. Mandatory curbside/alley compostable waste service and exemptions.

Curbside/alley compostable waste service shall be mandatory for all residential solid waste can accounts, except customers who qualify for a home composting exemption or customers with no

garbage pickup service, per the provisions of subsection 21.40.050.A.4. To qualify for the home composting exemption, customers must actively compost all vegetative food waste on-site, agree to comply with public and environmental health guidelines and allow Seattle Public Utilities representatives to evaluate their composting methods.

((10))11. New/changed account: a charge of \$10 for the establishment of a new account or for each change in an existing account. This charge shall apply when the owner or property manager of any single-family residence or multifamily structure (duplex, triplex, fourplex, or structure with five or more units) establishes a new account or requests any change in ((his/her)) the account requiring a change in account number or customer number. The new/changed account charge is not applicable to customers qualified for Low Income Rate Assistance.

((44))12. Physical disability exemption. An exemption will be provided to qualified residents to allow for backyard collection at curbside rates when the resident is physically unable to take garbage and rubbish containers to the curb. Qualifying criteria shall include, but are not limited to, the resident's physical condition, qualification for backyard service in other City programs, a physician's recommendation, the presence of other physically capable persons in the household, special topography, and other unique property conditions, taking into account the contractors' ability to provide different combinations of container sizes to make curbside pickup feasible.

B. All residential customers requesting and receiving nondetachable container (can) special, nonroutine collection service for garbage, yardwaste, or recyclable materials. The following charges shall apply to special collections of all nondetachable containers (cans), bundles, or bundles-of-yardwaste:

Compine Units	((Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023		
Service Units	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit		_
First unit	\$51.65	\$52.45	\$53.80	\$55.20
Each additional unit	\$5.55	\$5.65	\$5.80	\$5.95))

Service Units	Effective through March 31, 2026 Rates per Service Unit	April 1, 2026 Rates per	April 1, 2027 Rates per	April 1, 2028
First unit	\$55.20	\$57.05	\$58.95	\$60.90
Each additional unit	\$5.95	<u>\$6.15</u>	<u>\$6.35</u>	<u>\$6.55</u>

C. Ancillary and elective (A&E) service charges. The following charges shall apply to residential can customers receiving any of the A&E services listed in the table below.

((Comica Unita	Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023		
((Service Units	Rates per Service Unit	-	Rates per Service Unit	_
Deliveries/Pickups/Swap outs of Cans or Toters	\$32.35	\$32.85	\$33.70	\$34.60
Can or Cart Pressure Washing	\$12.90	\$13.10	\$13.45	\$13.80))

Service Units	Effective through March 31, 2026 Rates per	April 1, 2026		April 1, 2028
	Service Unit	Service Unit	Service Unit	Service Unit
Deliveries/Pickups/Swap-outs of Cans or Toters	<u>\$34.60</u>	\$35.75	\$36.95	\$38.15
Can or Cart Pressure Washing	\$13.80	\$14.25	\$14.70	\$15.20

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Section 2. Section 21.40.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126689, is amended as follows:

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21.40.060 Residential detachable container rates and charges

- A. Account charges. A monthly fixed fee will be charged to each residential detachable container solid waste account, according to the following schedule:
- 4 ((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$46.35)
- 5 Effective April 1, 2023: \$47.05
- 6 Effective April 1, 2024: \$48.25
- 7 Effective April 1, 2025: \$49.50))
- 8 <u>Effective through March 31, 2026: \$49.50</u>
- 9 <u>Effective April 1, 2026: \$51.15</u>
- 10 Effective April 1, 2027: \$52.85
- 11 <u>Effective April 1, 2028: \$54.60</u>
 - B. Uncompacted container rates. There is imposed upon residential premises that use detachable containers without mechanical compactors a monthly charge for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal service in accordance with the following formula:
- 15 (A*m) + ((B*cy)*m), where:
- A = Trip rate
- 17 B = Volume rate
- m = number of trips per month
- cy = number of cubic yards picked up at each collection
- The following trip and volume rates will apply:

	((Effective through March 31, 2023			
Trip Rate	\$34.70	\$35.20	\$36.10	\$37.05
Volume Rate	\$26.75	\$27.15	\$27.85	\$28.55))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Trip Rate	\$37.05	\$38.25	\$39.50	\$40.80
Volume Rate	<u>\$28.55</u>	\$29.50	<u>\$30.45</u>	<u>\$31.45</u>

C. Compacted container rates. There is imposed upon residential premises that use detachable containers with compactors a monthly charge for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal service in accordance with the following formula:

$$(A*m) + ((B*cy)*m)$$
, where:

A = Trip rate

B = Volume rate

m = number of trips per month

cy = number of cubic yards picked up at each collection

The following trip and volume rates will apply:

	((Effective through March 31, 2023			
Trip Rate	\$34.70	\$35.20	\$36.10	\$37.05
Volume Rate	\$54.30	\$55.10	\$56.55	\$58.00))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Trip Rate	\$37.05	<u>\$38.25</u>	\$39.50	<u>\$40.80</u>
Volume Rate	<u>\$58.00</u>	<u>\$59.90</u>	<u>\$61.90</u>	<u>\$63.95</u>

D. Pre-paid bag service. Customers located in specific areas designated by Seattle Public Utilities, and who permanently store garbage containers in the right-of-way, will be required to subscribe to pre-paid bag service, in lieu of detachable container service, for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal, subject to the following charges:

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	((Effective through March 31, 2023			
15 gallon bag	\$5.55	\$5.65	\$5.80	\$5.95
30 gallon bag	\$7.90	\$8.00	\$8.20	\$8.40))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
15 gallon bag	\$5.95	\$6.15	\$6.35	\$6.55
30 gallon bag	\$8.40	\$8.70	\$9.00	\$9.30

Compostable waste bag rates for pre-paid bag service shall be 32 percent less than the corresponding rates above for garbage service. Recycling bags shall be provided free of charge. Yardwaste shall not be mixed with garbage, refuse, or rubbish for disposal.

Bags set out for collection that are not pre-paid shall be charged at the rate for extra bundles, per subsection 21.40.060.H.

E. Mixed-use building. The General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities will determine the appropriate residential collection service level for a mixed-use building according to the estimated amount of residential garbage or refuse generated and to be collected by the City.

F. Charges for lockable containers. Customers using detachable containers (compacted or noncompacted) may have a lock installed by the collection contractors, subject to the following charges. Only customers who own their own containers may install their own locks.

	((Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023		
Lock installation	\$127.65	\$36.00	\$36.95	\$37.90
Extra key	\$9.15	\$8.00	\$8.20	\$8.40
Extra padlock	\$18.25	\$18.00	\$18.45	\$18.95))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Lock installation	\$37.90	<u>\$39.15</u>	<u>\$40.45</u>	<u>\$41.80</u>

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	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Extra key	<u>\$8.40</u>	\$8.70	\$9.00	\$9.30
Extra padlock	<u>\$18.95</u>	\$19.60	\$20.25	\$20.90

G. All residential customers receiving detachable container special, nonroutine collection service for garbage, compostable waste, or recycling materials. The following charges shall apply to special collections of all detachable containers or bundles of garbage, compostable waste, or recycling materials. These charges shall be in addition to any charges applicable to regular solid waste collection and disposal service.

Special collections will be charged at 130 percent of the rate for a single pickup of the same size detachable container, per subsections 21.40.060.B and 21.40.060.C.

H. Extra bundles of garbage. A customer may place extra bundles of garbage with the customer's container for regular pickup, according to the following schedule:

((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$13.05

Effective April 1, 2023: \$13.25

Effective April 1, 2024: \$13.60

Effective April 1, 2025: \$13.95))

Effective through March 31, 2026: \$13.95

Effective April 1, 2026: \$14.40

Effective April 1, 2027: \$14.90

Effective April 1, 2028: \$15.40

The charge will be billed directly to the owner or occupant.

I. Bulky and white goods pickup. Charges for the pickup of bulky and white goods, as well as additional charges for items containing hazardous waste such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), shall be billed as follows:

	((Effective March 30, 2009
Bulky/White Goods Pickup (per item)	\$30.00
Hazardous Waste Charge (per item)	\$8.00))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Bulky/White Goods Pickup (per item)	\$30.00	<u>\$31.00</u>	\$32.00	\$33.00
Hazardous Waste Charge (per item)	\$8.00	\$8.25	<u>\$8.55</u>	\$8.80

J. Curbside electronics recycling pickup. Curbside electronics pickup service will be available by customer request to residential detachable container accounts, with approval by the applicable solid waste account owner or designee. Each pickup of up to three electronic products set out at the curb shall be billed at \$20. Each pickup of compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) or household batteries shall be billed at \$5. The General Manager/CEO may establish additional conditions for electronic products eligible for pickup.

K. Included special items pickup. Special item pickup service is available by customer request to residential detachable container accounts. Eligible recipients shall request special assistance at no additional charge for each of the pickups no more than once per year:

Effective April 1, 2026: 1 battery bag pickup, 1 special items box pickup

Effective April 1, 2027: 1 battery bag pickup, 1 special items box pickup, 1

electronics pickup, 1 bulky pickup

 $((K))\underline{L}$. Residential detachable container customers who are not required to subscribe to pre-paid bag garbage service have the option to subscribe to either residential can curbside/alley compostable waste collection service per the terms of subsection ((21.40.050.A.8))

21.40.050.A.9 or commercial compostable waste collection service per the terms of Section

- 21.40.070. Customers who are required to subscribe to pre-paid bag garbage service have the option to subscribe to either one or more residential can curbside/alley compostable waste collection services per the terms of subsection ((21.40.050.A.8)) 21.40.050.A.9 or pre-paid bag compostable waste collection service per the terms of subsection 21.40.060.D. Detachable container customers are not subject to the provisions of subsection ((21.40.050.A.9))21.40.050.A.10, which requires mandatory curbside/alley compostable waste service as of March 30, 2009. It shall be mandatory for all residential detachable container customer accounts to subscribe to one of the compostable waste services described in this subsection ((21.40.060.K))21.40.060.L, except in the following circumstances:
 - 1. Existing structures: Existing residential structures that do not have adequate storage space for compostable waste may be exempt from all or portions of this subsection ((21.40.060.K)) 21.40.060.L if so determined by the General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities. The General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities, in cases where space constraints are determined to exist, shall also evaluate the feasibility of shared compostable waste containers by contiguous businesses or multifamily structures.
 - 2. New or expanded structures: New residential structures that have demonstrated difficulty in meeting the solid waste and recyclable materials storage space specifications required under Section 23.54.040 may be exempt from all or portions of this Chapter 21.40 as determined by the General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities.
 - ((L))M. Ancillary and elective (A&E) service charges. The following charges shall apply to residential detachable container customers receiving any of the A&E Services listed in the table below.

((Type of Service	Effective through March 31, 2023			
Deliveries/Pickups/Swap-outs:				
Can/Toter	\$32.35	\$32.85	\$33.70	\$34.60
Detachable Container	\$38.85	\$39.45	\$40.50	\$41.55
Drop Box (2–8 CY)	\$51.65	\$52.40	\$53.75	\$55.15
Drop Box (10–40 CY)	\$80.95	\$82.15	\$84.30	\$86.50
Pickup Ancillary Services:				
Can/Cart Roll Out (>50 ft or up/down stairs)	\$3.30	\$3.35	\$3.45	\$3.55
Roll Out, Container (<3-CY)	\$9.55	\$9.70	\$9.95	\$10.20
Reposition, Container (>2 CY)	\$9.55	\$9.70	\$9.95	\$10.20
Entering Secured Buildings	\$6.50	\$6.60	\$6.75	\$6.95
Container Special Services:				
Detachable Container Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Container	\$48.55	\$49.30	\$50.60	\$51.90
Drop Box Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Drop Box	\$64.65	\$65.60	\$67.30	\$69.05
Can/Cart Pressure Washing	\$12.90	\$13.10	\$13.45	\$13.80
Compactor/Drop Box Special	Services:			
Compactor Disconnect/ Reconnect Cycle	\$54.95	\$55.75	\$57.20	\$58.70
Dry Run	\$113.20	\$114.90	\$117.90	\$120.95
Other Ancillary Services:				
Hourly Paid Special, Truck and Driver	\$291.10	\$295.45	\$303.15	\$311.05
Hourly Paid Special, Swamper	\$96.90	\$98.35	\$100.90	\$103.50))

Type of Service	Effective through March 31, 2026				
Deliveries/Pickups/Swap-outs:					
<u>Can/Toter</u>	\$34.60	\$35.75	\$36.95	\$38.15	
Detachable Container	\$41.55	\$42.90	\$44.30	<u>\$45.75</u>	
Drop Box (2–8 CY)	\$55.15	<u>\$56.95</u>	<u>\$58.85</u>	<u>\$60.80</u>	
<u>Drop Box (10–40 CY)</u>	\$86.50	\$89.35	\$92.30	\$95.35	

Type of Service	Effective through March 31, 2026				
Pickup Ancillary Services:					
Can/Cart Roll Out (>50 ft or up/down stairs)	<u>\$3.55</u>	\$3.70	<u>\$3.85</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>	
Roll Out, Container (<3 CY)	\$10.20	<u>\$10.55</u>	<u>\$10.90</u>	<u>\$11.25</u>	
Reposition, Container (>2 CY)	\$10.20	<u>\$10.55</u>	<u>\$10.90</u>	\$11.25	
Entering Secured Buildings	<u>\$6.95</u>	<u>\$7.20</u>	<u>\$7.45</u>	<u>\$7.70</u>	
Container Special Services:					
Detachable Container Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Container	<u>\$51.90</u>	<u>\$53.60</u>	<u>\$55.35</u>	\$57.20	
Drop Box Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Drop Box	\$69.05	\$71.35	\$73.70	\$76.15	
Can/Cart Pressure Washing	\$13.80	\$14.25	\$14.70	\$15.20	
Compactor/Drop Box Special	Services:				
Compactor Disconnect/ Reconnect Cycle	\$58.70	<u>\$60.65</u>	\$62.65	\$64.70	
Dry Run	\$120.95	\$124.95	\$129.05	\$133.30	
Other Ancillary Services:					
Hourly Paid Special, Truck and Driver	<u>\$311.05</u>	\$321.30	\$331.90	<u>\$342.85</u>	
Hourly Paid Special, Swamper	<u>\$103.50</u>	<u>\$106.90</u>	<u>\$110.45</u>	<u>\$114.10</u>	

Section 3. Section 21.40.070 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance

126689, is amended as follows:

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21.40.070 Commercial collection rates and charges

A. Commercial solid waste service rates and charges. There is imposed upon all commercial establishments in the City receiving container or drop service from one of the City's contract collectors of commercial solid waste or one of the City's contract collectors of commercial compostable waste the following schedule of rates and charges:

1 1. Account charges. In addition to any fees for service charged to commercial 2 establishments, per the provisions of this subsection 21.40.070.A, a fixed fee will be charged to 3 each commercial solid waste account, according to the following schedule: 4 ((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$31.20 5 Effective April 1, 2023: \$31.65 6 Effective April 1, 2024: \$32.45 7 Effective April 1, 2025: \$33.30)) 8 Effective through March 31, 2026: \$33.30 9 Effective April 1, 2026: \$34.40 10 Effective April 1, 2027: \$35.55 Effective April 1, 2028: \$36.70 11 12 2. Container service rates. The following charges shall apply to commercial 13 establishments receiving container service for solid waste. Compostable waste container service 14 rates shall be 32 percent less than the corresponding rate for primary container service for solid 15 waste (the basic service charge including container rent multiplied by 0.68), plus any applicable 16 taxes. Commercial container service customers may subscribe to one or more residential can 17 curbside/alley compostable waste collection services per the terms of subsection 18 ((21.40.050.A.8)) 21.40.050.A.9. 19 The charge for each detachable container will be calculated in accordance with 20 the following formula: 21 (A*m) + ((B*cy)*m), where: 22 A = Trip rate23 B = Volume rate

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m = number of pickups per month

cy = number of cubic yards picked up at each collection

The following trip and volume rates will apply for uncompacted or compacted

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((Effective through **Effective Effective Effective** March 31, 2023 April 1, 2023 April 1, 2024 April 1, 2025 \$20.30 \$20.60 \$21.15 Trip Rate \$21.70 \$34.85 \$35.75 **Uncompacted Volume Rate** \$34.35 \$36.70 \$69.75 Compacted Volume Rate \$70.80 \$72.65 \$74.55))

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	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Trip Rate	\$21.70	\$22.40	<u>\$23.15</u>	\$23.90
Uncompacted Volume Rate	\$36.70	\$37.90	\$39.15	<u>\$40.45</u>
Compacted Volume Rate	<u>\$74.55</u>	<u>\$77.00</u>	<u>\$79.55</u>	\$82.20

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3. Pre-paid bag service. Customers located in specific areas designated by Seattle

Public Utilities, and who permanently store garbage containers in the right-of-way, will be

required to subscribe to pre-paid bag service, in lieu of detachable container service, for garbage

9 and rubbish collection and disposal, subject to the following charges:

	((Effective through March 31, 2023			
15 gallon bag	\$5.55	\$5.65	\$5.80	\$5.95
30 gallon bag	\$7.90	\$8.00	\$8.20	\$8.40))

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	Effective through March 31, 2026			
15 gallon bag	<u>\$5.95</u>	\$6.15	<u>\$6.35</u>	<u>\$6.55</u>
30 gallon bag	\$8.40	\$8.70	\$9.00	\$9.30

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Customers required to subscribe to pre-paid bag garbage service may also

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subscribe to either residential can curbside/alley compostable waste collection service per the

1 terms of subsection ((21.40.050.A.8)) $\underline{21.40.050.A.9}$ or pre-paid bag compostable waste

collection service, at rates which shall be 32 percent less than the rates specified above for pre-

paid bag garbage collection. Yardwaste shall not be mixed with garbage, refuse, or rubbish for

4 disposal. Compostable waste service is optional.

Bags set out for collection that are not pre-paid shall be charged at the rate for extra bundles, per subsection 21.40.070.A.6.

4. Special container pickup charges. Special collections will be charged at 130 percent of the rate for a single pickup of the same size detachable container, per subsection 21.40.070.A.2.

5. Can-unit pickup rates. Customers receiving regularly scheduled can-unit pickup service for one or more cans will be charged according to the following schedule:

	((Effective through March 31, 2023		Effective April 1, 2024	
Per 10-20 gallon can pickup	\$9.05	\$9.20	\$9.45	\$9.70
Per 32 gallon can pickup	\$13.15	\$13.35	\$13.70	\$14.05
Per 60 65 gallon can pickup	\$25.80	\$26.20	\$26.90	\$27.60
Per 90 96 gallon can pickup	\$30.30	\$30.75	\$31.55	\$32.35))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Per 10–20 gallon can pickup	<u>\$9.70</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	\$10.35	<u>\$10.70</u>
Per 32 gallon can pickup	<u>\$14.05</u>	<u>\$14.50</u>	\$15.00	<u>\$15.50</u>
Per 60–65 gallon can pickup	<u>\$27.60</u>	\$28.50	\$29.45	\$30.40
Per 90–96 gallon can pickup	\$32.35	\$33.40	\$34.50	\$35.65

When a set number of units are serviced each week, the customer may be billed at a flat monthly collection charge equal to 4.33 times the applicable unit rate, times the number of units serviced each week.

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Special collections will be charged at 130 percent of the rate for a single pickup of the same size container, per the rates listed in this subsection 21.40.070.A.

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6. Extra garbage and bulky waste collection. The charges for extra garbage collection will be assessed per bundle. Any such charges will be in addition to the customer's regular container collection service charges.

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((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$13.05 per bundle

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Effective April 1, 2023: \$13.25 per bundle

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Effective April 1, 2024: \$13.60 per bundle

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Effective April 1, 2025: \$13.95 per bundle))

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Effective through March 31, 2026: \$13.95 per bundle

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Effective April 1, 2026: \$14.40 per bundle

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Effective April 1, 2027: \$14.90 per bundle

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Effective April 1, 2028: \$15.40 per bundle

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white goods, as well as additional charges for items containing hazardous waste such as	
chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), shall be billed as follows:	

Bulky waste and white goods pickup. Charges for the pickup of bulky waste and

	((Effective January 1, 2011
Bulky Waste/White Goods Pickup (per item)	\$30.00
Hazardous Waste Charge (per item)	\$8. 00))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Bulky/White Goods Pickup (per item)	\$30.00	<u>\$31.00</u>	\$32.00	\$33.00
Hazardous Waste Charge (per item)	\$8.00	\$8.25	\$8.55	\$8.80

7. Overload container charges. A container whose contents exceed 1 foot above the top of the container will be charged at the applicable extra garbage collection rate, per subsection 21.40.070.A.6.

8. Drop box service rates. The following charges shall apply to commercial establishments receiving drop box service for solid waste. Compostable waste container service rates shall be 32 percent less than the corresponding rate for drop box service for solid waste (the basic service charge multiplied by 0.68).

The following price schedules shall apply for drop box service for both compacted and noncompacted material:

	((Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023	Effective April 1, 2024	Effective April 1, 2025
Permanent Account Pickup				
Up to 8 cu yd	\$191.90	\$194.80	\$199.85	\$205.05
Over 8 cu yd	\$257.65	\$261.50	\$268.30	\$275.30
Special/Temporary Pickup				
Up to 8 cu yd	\$211.15	\$214.30	\$219.85	\$225.55
Over 8 cu yd	\$283.40	\$287.65	\$295.15	\$302.80
Monthly Account/Rental	\$133.45	\$135.45	\$138.95	\$142.55))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Permanent Account Pickup				
Up to 8 cu yd	<u>\$205.05</u>	\$211.80	\$218.80	\$226.00
Over 8 cu yd	\$275.30	\$284.40	\$293.80	\$303.50
Special/Temporary Pickup				
Up to 8 cu yd	<u>\$225.55</u>	\$233.00	\$240.70	<u>\$248.65</u>
Over 8 cu yd	\$302.80	\$312.80	\$323.10	<u>\$333.75</u>
Monthly Account/Rental	<u>\$142.55</u>	<u>\$147.25</u>	<u>\$152.10</u>	<u>\$157.10</u>

9. Ancillary and elective (A&E) service charges. The following charges shall apply to commercial establishments receiving any of the A&E services listed in the table below:

	((Effective through March 31, 2023			
Deliveries/Pickups/Swap-out	s:			
Can/Toter	\$32.35	\$32.85	\$33.70	\$34.60
Detachable Container	\$38.85	\$39.45	\$40.50	\$41.55
Drop Box (2–8 CY)	\$51.65	\$52.40	\$53.75	\$55.15
Drop Box (10–40 CY)	\$80.95	\$82.15	\$84.30	\$86.50
Pickup Ancillary Services:				
Can/Cart Roll Out (>50 fit or up/down stairs)	\$3.30	\$3.35	\$3.45	\$3.55
Roll Out, Container (<3-CY)	\$9.55	\$9.70	\$9.95	\$10.20
Reposition, Container (>2 CY)	\$9.55	\$9.70	\$9.95	\$10.20
Entering Secured Buildings	\$6.50	\$6.60	\$6.75	\$6.95
Container Special Services:				
Detachable Container Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Container	\$48.55	\$49.30	\$50.60	\$51.90
Drop Box Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Drop Box	\$64.65	\$65.60	\$67.30	\$69.05
Can/Cart Pressure Washing	\$12.90	\$13.10	\$13.45	\$13.80
Compactor/Drop Box Specia	l Services:			
Compactor Disconnect/ Reconnect Cycle	\$54.95	\$55.75	\$57.20	\$58.70
Dry Run	\$113.20	\$114.90	\$117.90	\$120.95
Other Ancillary Services:				
Hourly Paid Special, Truck and Driver	\$291.10	\$295.45	\$303.15	\$311.05
Hourly Paid Special, Swamper	\$96.90	\$98.35	\$100.90	\$103.50))

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Deliveries/Pickups/Swap-ou	ts:			
<u>Can/Toter</u>	\$34.60	<u>\$35.75</u>	<u>\$36.95</u>	<u>\$38.15</u>
Detachable Container	<u>\$41.55</u>	\$42.90	\$44.30	<u>\$45.75</u>
Drop Box (2–8 CY)	\$55.15	\$56.95	\$58.85	\$60.80

	Effective through March 31, 2026			
<u>Drop Box (10–40 CY)</u>	\$86.50	\$89.35	\$92.30	\$95.35
Pickup Ancillary Services:				
Can/Cart Roll Out (>50 fit or up/down stairs)	\$3.55	\$3.70	<u>\$3.85</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>
Roll Out, Container (<3 CY)	<u>\$10.20</u>	<u>\$10.55</u>	<u>\$10.90</u>	<u>\$11.25</u>
Reposition, Container (>2 CY)	<u>\$10.20</u>	<u>\$10.55</u>	<u>\$10.90</u>	\$11.25
Entering Secured Buildings	<u>\$6.95</u>	\$7.20	\$7.45	<u>\$7.70</u>
Container Special Services:				
Detachable Container Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Container	<u>\$51.90</u>	<u>\$53.60</u>	<u>\$55.35</u>	<u>\$57.20</u>
Drop Box Washing and Steam Cleaning, per Drop Box	\$69.05	\$71.35	\$73.70	\$76.15
Can/Cart Pressure Washing	\$13.80	\$14.25	\$14.70	\$15.20
Compactor/Drop Box Specia	al Services:			
Compactor Disconnect/ Reconnect Cycle	<u>\$58.70</u>	<u>\$60.65</u>	<u>\$62.65</u>	\$64.70
<u>Dry Run</u>	\$120.95	<u>\$124.95</u>	<u>\$129.05</u>	\$133.30
Other Ancillary Services:				
Hourly Paid Special, Truck and Driver	\$311.05	\$321.30	\$331.90	\$342.85
Hourly Paid Special, Swamper	\$103.50	<u>\$106.90</u>	<u>\$110.45</u>	<u>\$114.10</u>

10. Disposal fee for MSW and processing fee for compostable waste drop box service. Disposal fees for MSW drop box service shall be assessed on each MSW drop box load at the rates set forth below, measured on a per tip basis rounded to the next highest 0.01 ton.

((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$219.75 per ton

Effective April 1, 2023: \$223.05 per ton

Effective April 1, 2024: \$228.85 per ton

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and may be foreclosed in the manner and within the time prescribed for liens for labor and material, as authorized by RCW 35.21.140.

b. Penalty interest at the rate of 12 percent per year, computed monthly, shall be added to collection and disposal charges that become delinquent. Penalty interest shall be imposed on all such charges that remain unpaid 30 days after their bill date and shall continue until such charges are paid.

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Section 4. Section 21.40.080 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126689, is amended as follows:

21.40.080 Recycling and disposal station rates

A. Basic rates

The following charges will apply at the City's recycling and disposal stations.

The per ton rate, subject to the minimum charge, will apply to all vehicles.

		((Effective through March 31, 2023	Effective April 1, 2023
Recyclables		No Charge	No Charge
Garbage	per ton	\$157	\$165
	minimum rate	\$33	\$35
Yard Waste	per ton	\$119	\$125
	minimum rate	\$23	\$24
Wood Waste	per ton	\$119	\$125
	minimum rate	\$22	\$2 4
Tires (maximum of four per load)	per load	\$14	\$15
Appliances (maximum of two per	per appliance	\$30	\$32
load)	per appliance if included with garbage	\$8	\$9))

		Effective through March 31, 2026		Effective April 1, 2027	
Recyclables*		No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<u>Garbage</u>	per ton	<u>\$165</u>	<u>\$174</u>	<u>\$183</u>	<u>\$193</u>
	minimum rate	<u>\$35</u>	<u>\$37</u>	<u>\$39</u>	<u>\$41</u>
Yard Waste	per ton	<u>\$125</u>	<u>\$132</u>	<u>\$139</u>	<u>\$146</u>
	minimum rate	<u>\$24</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$27</u>	<u>\$28</u>
Wood Waste	per ton	<u>\$125</u>	<u>\$132</u>	<u>\$139</u>	<u>\$146</u>
	minimum rate	<u>\$24</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$27</u>	<u>\$28</u>
Tires (maximum of four per load)	per load	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$16</u>	<u>\$17</u>	<u>\$18</u>
<u>Appliances</u>	per appliance	<u>\$32</u>	<u>\$34</u>	<u>\$36</u>	<u>\$38</u>
(maximum of two per load)	per appliance if included with garbage	<u>\$9</u>	<u>\$9</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$11</u>

*Contaminant-free clean recyclables

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D. Charitable organizations reusing goods

1. Qualified charitable organizations shall be charged on an ongoing basis, rather than on an occasional or incidental basis, for the disposal of refuse generated within Seattle only, that is deposited at City recycling and disposal stations, at the following rates.

((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$89.50 per ton

Effective April 1, 2023: \$94.00 per ton))

Effective through March 31, 2026: \$94.00 per ton

Effective April 1, 2026: \$99.20 per ton

Effective April 1, 2027: \$104.30 per ton

Effective April 1, 2028: \$110.00 per ton

2. Qualified charitable organizations may dispose of white goods at no charge under the following conditions:

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1	a. White goods must be delivered directly to the City's selected vendor for
2	white good processing ("vendor").
3	b. By the tenth of each month, the qualified charitable organization must
4	provide Seattle Public Utilities with dated receipts from the vendor for all of the white goods
5	disposed of in the previous month.
6	c. The number of white goods disposed of in a calendar year may not
7	exceed the average the number of white goods delivered to City recycling and disposal stations
8	by the qualified charitable organization in 1997 and 1998. If the ((above)) conditions <u>listed in</u>
9	subsections 21.40.080.D.2.a and 21.40.080.D.2.b are not met or if limits set forth in this
10	subsection 21.40.080.D.2.c are exceeded, qualified charitable organizations shall be charged at a
11	per-unit rate equal to that established by contract between the City and its selected vendor.
12	3. For purposes of this subsection 21.40.080.D, a charitable organization shall be
13	considered a qualified charitable organization if found by the General Manager/CEO of Seattle
14	Public Utilities, or the General Manager/CEO's authorized agent, after application by such
15	organization to the General Manager/CEO, to:
16	a. Be a credit customer of Seattle Public Utilities;
17	b. Be a nonprofit charitable organization recognized as such by the
18	Internal Revenue Service; and
19	c. Be engaged, as a primary form of its doing business, in processing
20	abandoned goods for resale or reuse.
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H. The Seattle Housing Authority shall be charged for the disposal of up to 5,800 tons per calendar year of refuse that is deposited at City recycling and disposal stations, at the following rates.

((Effective through March 31, 2023: \$89.50 per ton

Effective April 1, 2023: \$94.00 per ton))

Effective through March 31, 2026: \$94.00 per ton

Effective April 1, 2026: \$99.20 per ton

Effective April 1, 2027: \$104.30 per ton

Effective April 1, 2028: \$110.00 per ton

If the actual tons delivered in a calendar year exceed this maximum, the Seattle Housing Authority shall be charged the per ton rate for refuse set forth in subsection 21.40.080.A for the additional tons.

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Section 5. Subsection 21.40.085.A of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last amended by Ordinance 125985, is amended as follows:

21.40.085 Commercial railyard rate

A. Nonresidential, non-contract solid waste generated within the City and directed by the City to the Argo Yard or its successor facility for transport and disposal shall be charged at the following rates per ton, with the specified total minimum charges per disposal:

((Effective date	Per ton rate	Total minimum charge
Effective through March 31, 2023	\$140.55	\$3,511.80
April 1, 2023	\$142.70	\$3,567.5 0
April 1, 2024	\$146.45	\$3,661.25
April 1, 2025	\$150.30	\$3,757.50))

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Effective date	Per ton rate	Total minimum charge
Effective through March 31, 2026	<u>\$150.30</u>	\$3,757.50
April 1, 2026	\$155.30	\$3,881.50
April 1, 2027	\$160.45	\$4,009.60
April 1, 2028	<u>\$165.75</u>	\$4,141.95

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amended by Ordinance 126909, is amended as follows:

on type of collection service and consistent with Section 21.76.050:

21.76.040 Rate discounts

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services shall receive a rate discount equal to 0.5 times the total current residential garbage can

or detachable container and compostable waste collection charges. Certified customers who pay

for solid waste services indirectly through their rent shall receive the following rate credits based

B. Solid waste. Certified customers billed directly for Seattle Public Utilities solid waste

Section 6. Subsection 21.76.040.B of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last

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	((Effective through March 31, 2023			Effective April 1, 2025
Garbage can customers	\$21.10	\$21.40	\$21.95	\$22.50
Detachable container customers	\$17.20	\$17.45	\$17.90	\$18.35
Yard waste customers	\$6.80	\$6.90	\$7.10	\$7.30))

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	Effective through March 31, 2026			
Garbage can customers	\$22.50	\$23.25	\$24.00	<u>\$24.80</u>
Detachable container customers	<u>\$18.35</u>	<u>\$18.95</u>	<u>\$19.60</u>	<u>\$20.25</u>
Yard waste customers	\$7.30	\$7.55	\$7.80	\$8.05

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1	Section 8. Section 21.36.012 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
2	122844, is amended as follows:
3	21.36.012 Definitions C—E ((=))
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5	18. "Dangerous waste" means those solid wastes designated in WAC 173-303-070
6	through WAC ($(\frac{173-303-103}{173-303-102})$) as dangerous or extremely hazardous waste.
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8	25. "Electronics" means items no greater than 2 feet by 2 feet such as household
9	batteries, televisions, computer equipment, radios, calculators, video and audio equipment,
10	phones, cameras, and similar electronic devices ((which)) that contain circuit boards.
11	Electronics are ((further defined)) classified as (("hand-held" Electronics, which are Electronics
12	that are)) : hand-held if they are held in the hand, such as phones, cameras, and hand-held music
13	players((, etc)); (("screened" Electronics, which are Electronics with screens)) <u>screened if they</u>
14	contain screens, such as ((TV's,)) televisions and computer monitors((, etc.)); and (("other"
15	Electronics which are Electronics that)) other if they are not held-held or screened, such as
16	((CPU's)) CPUs, keyboards, table radios, and DVD players((, ete)). Electronics do not include
17	speakers, small appliances, or other household products.
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19	Section 9. Section 21.36.016 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
20	122842, is amended as follows:
21	21.36.016 Definitions R—Z((-))
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 15. "Special ((Event Service)) event service" means services requiring container and/or drop box delivery and pickup at events ((which)) that serve the general public with a duration of one (((1))) week or less, and which are not part of a series of events sponsored by the same customer. Examples of qualifying events include Bumbershoot, Folklife, and Seafair. Payment for services will include daily rental, time rates, disposal charges ((as well as)), and applicable taxes.

16. "Special items box" means a box no greater than 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet for multiple small special items (electronics, household batteries, small appliances, etc.) with a maximum weight limit of 60 pounds.

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Section 10. This ordinance does not affect any existing right acquired or liability or obligation incurred under the sections amended or repealed in this ordinance or under any rule or order adopted under those sections, nor does it affect any proceeding instituted under those sections.

Section 11. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

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1	Section 12. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code		
2	Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.		
3	Passed by the City Council the14	th_day of, 20	025,
4	and signed by me in open session in authent	ication of its passage this14th day of	
5	October , 2025.		
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8	Approved / Treturned unsigned / T	vetoed this 16th day of October	, 2025.
		Bruce Q. Hanell	
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10		Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor	
	Filed by me this 16th day of	October	
11	Filed by me this day of	, 2025.	
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