

**From:** [Planning and Sustainability Commission](#)  
**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Waste Rates Recommendation  
**Date:** Monday, May 16, 2022 10:42:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [PSC\\_GarbageRatesRecommendation.pdf](#)

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Mayor and City Commissioners,

Attached please find the Planning and Sustainability Commission's letter of support for the Waste & Recycling Rates hearing, part of the Utility Rates Hearing, slated for Council this Wednesday, May 18.

Thank you,  
Julie

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Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners  
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Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

The PSC unanimously supports the adoption of the proposed residential garbage, recycling, and composting rates under consideration on May 18, 2022.

The PSC conducted a public hearing on this subject on May 10, 2022. The PSC received presentations regarding the financial reporting provided by haulers, the review of those reports by a certified public accountant, and additional rate factors monitored by BPS. We find the rate review process to be thorough and sound.

BPS is proposing a rate increase of one percent, or \$0.35 per month for the most popular service level, the 35-gallon garbage roll cart. While we know that any rate increase impacts customers, we agree that BPS's proposed rates are fair and reasonable. We do know BPS staff is working on future enhancements for the collection system, including the electrification of the haulers' fleet. The PSC has requested further discussion on this topic and others to help deal with future fuel costs increases and continue to support the City's climate goals.

Sincerely,

Steph Routh  
Chair



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**City Council Meeting - Wednesday May 18, 2022 2:00 p.m.**

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