

NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND BIN FEE)
FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

On the **24th day of March, 2026**, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this Report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$67.25 per ton to \$69.35 per ton effective July 1, 2026. A transfer fee of \$11.96 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2026. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise (or City) Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.48 per cubic yard to \$3.59 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2026. A transfer fee of \$0.62 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2026. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in all of the chargeable rates.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for one additional year. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that Report.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Please take notice that there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.

Dated: January 27, 2026
NANCY ANDERSON
County Administrative Officer
Clerk of the Board
County of Kern
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

TABLE A

FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES

Gate Fees	Current	Effective July 1, 2026
Any non-residential trash - not in a sideloader	\$67.25	\$69.35 per ton
Transfer Station Fee - additional	\$11.60	\$11.96 per ton
Out of County Fee	\$104.36	\$107.61 per ton
Bin Fees		
Municipal solid waste in a bin	\$3.48	\$3.59 per CY
Transfer Station Bin Fee - additional	\$0.60	\$0.62 per CY
Out of County waste picked up in a bin	\$4.99	\$5.14 per CY
Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales		
Cars	\$13.91	\$14.35 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$31.31	\$32.28 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$39.42	\$40.65 per vehicle
Trailers, large vehicles, rolloff boxes	\$67.25	\$69.35 per ton
Non-Residential Waste at Facilities without Scales		
Cars	\$13.91	\$14.35 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$31.31	\$32.28 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$39.42	\$40.65 per vehicle
Fees for Recyclable, Reusable or Divertable Material		
Clean Fill Dirt	\$5.80	\$5.98 per ton
Clean inerts - concrete, asphalt, bricks, or similar	\$17.39	\$17.94 per ton
Construction and Demolition waste	\$92.76	\$95.66 per ton
Tire Program Fees		
Tires in bulk loads	\$289.88	\$298.93 per ton
Individual tires		
Light duty - 18" diameter rim or smaller	\$3.48	\$3.59 per tire
Heavy Duty Tires - 19" - 24" diameter rims	\$17.39	\$17.94 per tire
Oversize tires (>24" rims or racing tires)	\$23.19	\$23.91 per tire
Earth Mover Tires	\$289.88	\$298.93 per ton
Dead Animals		
Any dead animal that requires special handling	\$115.95	\$119.57 per animal
Multiple dead animals or parts that require special handling	\$173.93	\$179.36 per ton
Treated Wood Waste		
All treated wood waste other than railroad ties	\$173.93	\$179.36 per ton
Railroad Ties	\$17.39	\$17.94 per tie
Other Special Fees		
Hourly rate for Department personnel	\$104.36	\$107.61 per hour
Processing fee for returned checks	\$25.00	\$25.00 each
Travel Trailer disposal	\$579.77	\$597.85 each
Any other hard to handle items	\$231.91	\$239.14 ton
	2X Gate Fee	2X Gate Fee
Untarped/unsecured loads	or \$20.00 minimum	or \$20.00 minimum

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