RESOLUTION NO. 1309

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARK COUNTY COMMISSION TO INCREASE THE PARK COUNTY REFUSE DISTRICT #1 ASSESSMENT AND AMENDED THE FEE POLICY AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

WHEREAS, the Park County Refuse Board on July 18, 2019, recommended to the Park County Commission that there should be an increase of two point three percent (2.3%) per assessment from One Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and ninety three cents ($174.93) to One Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars ($179.00);

WHEREAS, the increase is a per assessment increase;

WHEREAS, the two point three percent (2.3%) per assessment increase is needed in order to defray the inflationary costs of operating Refuse District #1;

WHEREAS, this resolution effects all parcels within Refuse District #1 which is comprised of all parcels located within Park County, Montana, with the exception of the City of Livingston;

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed per assessment increase was given in accordance with State law and published twice in the Livingston Enterprise on August 22nd and August 29th, 2019;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 5th, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission Chambers, 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, MT. The Park County Commission considered all public comments and objections provided at this public hearing and all written public comments and objections submitted by the deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Park County Refuse Board also recommended amendments to the Park County Refuse District #1 Fee Policy and Schedule of Charges as set forth in the attached.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing was held to receive written and oral comments and objections on September 5th, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., before the Park County Commission in the Commission Chambers at the City-County Building, 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park County Commission considered all written or oral comments and objections on the per assessment increase for Refuse District #1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park County Commission adopted the amendment to the District’s per assessment charge which increase the per assessment from One Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and ninety three cents ($174.93) to One Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars ($179.00); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park County Commission adopts the recommended amendments to the Park County Refuse District #1 Fee Policy and Schedule of Charges. See attached.

This resolution becomes effective upon its passage.

DATED this 5th day of September, 2019.

Attest:

Maritza Reddington
Park County Clerk & Recorder

PARK COUNTY COMMISSION

Steve Caldwell, Chairman

Clint Tinsley

Bill Berg

Approved as to Form:

Shannan M. Piccolo
Deputy Park County Attorney
PARK COUNTY REFUSE DISTRICT #1 FEE POLICY and SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

AUGUST 2019

Park County has established this fee policy in order to provide operating funds for the collection and disposal of solid waste in Park County Refuse District #1. The District consists of all Park County except the City of Livingston. An assessment fee is charged against all residences and businesses in the District and applies for each calendar year. Assessment rates are based on the average solid waste produced by a single dwelling unit. One assessment is approximately one ton of household garbage per year. Business rates are based on the amount of solid waste produced as compared with a single dwelling unit.

On the recommendation of the Park County Solid Waste Board, the Board of Commissioners may adjust the charge on a business from the base rate to a higher or lower rate if a business generates refuse outside the average. Any identified business will be charged a fee based on a comparison of weights to a similar size and type of business.

Any request for an adjustment to these fees or refund must be made to the Park County Solid Waste Board. It is the policy of the Board to refund only for the most current year’s tax.

1. Each single household dwelling unit on the tax rolls will be charged one (1) assessment. Each house, cabin, apartment, condominium unit, rental unit, mobile home, summer home, and any structure deemed habitable is considered a dwelling unit. A dwelling unit is defined as having power, water and sanitation facilities.

2. Each business will be charged a minimum of three (3) assessments.

3. A building serving as both a residence and a business will be charged a minimum of four (4) assessments.

4. A business with both a bar and restaurant in the same building will be charged a minimum of six (6) assessments.

5. Motels and hotels will be charged one (1) assessment for every five (5) rooms.

6. Schools will be charged one (1) assessment for every thirty-five (35) students. Smaller schools with less than thirty-five (35) students will be charged one-half (1/2) assessment.

7. Each State of Montana fishing access site will be charged one-half (1/2) assessment per location.

8. Each Forest Service Campground will be charged one (1) assessment per location.

9. Commercial Campgrounds and facilities for temporary recreational vehicle units or camper trailers will be charged one (1) assessment per ten (10) spaces.

10. Mobile home parks (also referred to as trailer parks) for mobile homes will be charged one (1) assessment for each mobile home space. Other dwelling units and facilities located within mobile home parks will be assessed per this schedule.

11. Mini Storage warehouses will be charged as a business with three (3) assessments.

12. Each church and each church camp will each be assessed (1) assessment, parsonages will be charged one (1) assessment.

13. Community Halls will be charged as a business with three (3) assessments.

14. Each residence or business owned by a non-profit will be assessed the same as taxable properties.

15. Fees for dwelling units, business, or other facilities identified in this schedule that are located on or adjacent to the Main Boulder road will be charged one-half (1/2) of the scheduled rate identified in items 1-14.
16. The schedule of charges and assessments apply to both occupied and unoccupied structures, mobile home sites and campground/recreation sites.

17. New construction wishing to utilize county facilities shall pay a full fee during the year of construction prior to evaluation through the Department of Revenue by contacting the Park County Finance Department. The full fee may be prorated to ½ fee if the request is 6 months prior to the next scheduled tax assessment and the fee is added for the following year ahead of the Department of Revenue evaluation.

18. Additional tags are available for a nominal charge by contacting the Park County Finance Department.