

## **PARK COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT #1 FEE POLICY AND SCHEDULE OF RATES**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to set a residential/business rate schedule for the use of solid waste services, dumpster collection costs, permits for out of county users and non-household garbage or business refuse within the Solid Waste District. The Solid Waste District is made up of all lands within Park County except the City of Livingston (Hereafter "District").

### **Statutory Requirements**

Section 7-11-1024, MCA, requires that the governing body shall make assessments or impose fees for the costs and expenses of the special district based upon a budget proposed by the governing body in accordance with Section 7-11-1021, MCA. Section 7-11-1024, MCA, is included with this schedule as attachment A.

### **Procedures/Method**

The Park County Solid Waste Board has examined the cost of providing solid waste services in Park County. Costs of providing service are broken into: Collection, Disposal, and Recycling. Each category shall be representative of its operation cost.

All households and businesses of Park County are considered members of the District, with the exception of any households and businesses located in an incorporated city, in this instance, the City of Livingston. Pursuant to the financing provisions set forth in Section 7-11-1024, MCA, a fee must be assessed to all lots, parcel of land, or condominium in the district that are receiving a service, for the purpose of maintenance and operation of the district.

Nonusers within the district shall be assessed in the same manner as users.

Any habitable building attached to real property shall be considered for assessment. All persons and businesses assessments shall be assessed to the lot, parcel of land, or condominium according to Section 7-11-1024, MCA.

There shall be a 21-day comment period between the time the notice of intent to increase fees is first published and the date the resolution is passed.

Public notice was duly given and a public hearing on the proposed rates was held on September 7th, 2021. The Solid Waste unit assessment price will be \$199.00, which is broken down to \$109.50 for Collection, \$80.00 for Disposal, and \$7.50 for Recycling.

Persons outside the District may use the collection sites for residential garbage after purchasing an out of district permit for their property.

Businesses outside the District may use the collection sites for commercial garbage after purchasing an Out of District Permit equal to \$199.00 times the number of units for their business type.

### **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of Park County that the following rate schedule be established for commercial uses of solid waste services in and out of the District.

Access and Disposal at Park County Collection Sites shall be restricted to those who have paid refuse assessments. Disposal at Park County Collection Sites shall be restricted to residential waste only. Disposal of large bulky items, furniture, construction, and demolition debris is not allowed at County Collection Sites and must be transported to a licensed sanitary landfill or transfer station for disposal.

Hazardous materials including friable and un-friable asbestos containing materials including vermiculite are not allowed at County collection Sites.

Disposal of green waste is only allowed at specific County Collection Sites.

### **Fee Schedule**

1. Each single Dwelling Unit on the tax rolls will be charged one (1) assessment. Each house, cabin, apartment, condominium unit, rental unit, mobile home, summer home, vacation rental, 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. A business is defined as an organization or enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial, or professional activities regardless of number of lots or parcels of land.
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 on the same parcel will be charged a minimum of six (6) assessments.
5. Rural/volunteer Fire departments shall not be charged assessment.
6. Nightly Lodging (Motels/hotels/Bed and Breakfasts) will be charged one (1) assessment for every five (5) rooms.
7. 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.
8. Each State of Montana fishing access site will be charged one-half (1/2) assessment per parcel.

9. Each Forest Service Campground will be charged one (1) assessment per parcel.
10. Commercial Campgrounds and facilities for temporary recreational vehicles, camper trailers and/or tents will be charged one (1) assessment per five (5) spaces.
11. Mini Storage warehouses will be charged:
  - a. One (1) assessment for 0 to 100 units,
  - b. Two (2) assessments for 101 to 200 units,
  - c. Three (3) assessments for 201 to 300 units,
  - d. Four (4) assessments for 301 to 400 units,
  - e. Five (5) assessments for 401 to 499 units, and
  - f. Six (6) assessments for 500 units or more.
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. Wedding and Music venues hosting events with over 100 in attendance shall be charged six (6) assessments in addition to other assessments.
15. Each residence or business owned by a non-profit will be assessed the same as taxable properties.
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 Depart of Revenue evaluation.
18. Residents with 100% VA Disability will not be charged an assessment.
19. Assessments shall be compiled of all buildings, structures, activities, and businesses taking place on a property.
20. 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 1-18.

**Transportation**

Solid waste must be covered, containerized, or secured to the vehicle during transportation to County Collection Sites. Solid waste shall be loaded and transported in such a manner that none of it shall fall, drop or spill upon the roadway or ground.

**Roll-off rates for tires are set according to the following schedule:**

Per Day Rental	\$5.00
28cy Roll-off Box	\$200.00 + \$2.50 per mile to Livingston (round trip)

**Dumpster rates are set according to the following schedule:**

Dumpster collection at private locations is available along the front load collection route. This area is shown on the map included as attachment B. Dumpsters are emptied once per week. Dumpsters must be accessible to refuse collection vehicle. Park County is not responsible for any unauthorized use of dumpsters at private locations. Private pickups are charged based on number and size of containers. The rates below are on a monthly basis.

<b>Dumpster Size</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2 Cubic Yards	\$100.00
4 Cubic Yards	\$125.00
6 Cubic Yards	\$150.00
8 Cubic Yards	\$175.00

### **Illegal dumping**

No person whom has not paid county assessment shall dump, place or leave, cause to be dumped, placed or left any solid waste in county collection sites. No person shall dump, place or leave any solid waste outside of a dumpster or on the ground at a Park County Collection Site with or without a solid waste tag.

Persons must display solid waste tags in vehicle windshield when accessing sites regardless of attendant's presence.

### **Penalties**

Violation of any part of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the Park County Jail not to exceed 90 days or by a fine not to exceed \$150.00, or both. Each day of violation will constitute a separate offense.

This policy shall remain in effect until such time as the Park County Solid Waste Board recommends it is amended, revised or rescinded and is reviewed and approved by the Park County Board of Commissioners.

On this day \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ the Park County Refuse Board reviewed and adopted this policy.

**SOLID WASTE BOARD**

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John Kaiser, Chairman

Attest

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Maritza Reddington, Clerk and Recorder

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PARK COUNTY**

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Steve Caldwell, Chairman

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Clint Tinsley, Commissioner

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Bill Berg, Commissioner

## Attachment A

### Financing For Special District

**7-11-1024. Financing for special district.** (1) The governing body shall make assessments or impose fees for the costs and expenses of the special district based upon a budget proposed by the governing body or separate board administering the district pursuant to **7-11-1021**.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "assessable area" means the portion of a lot or parcel of land that is benefited by the special district. The assessable area may be less than but may not exceed the actual area of the lot or parcel.

(3) The governing body shall assess the percentage of the cost of the program or improvements:

(a) against the entire district as follows:

(i) each lot or parcel of land within the special district may be assessed for that part of the cost that its assessable area bears to the assessable area of the entire special district, exclusive of roads, streets, avenues, alleys, and public places;

(ii) if the governing body determines that the benefits derived from the program or improvements by each lot or parcel are substantially equivalent, the cost may be assessed equally to each lot or parcel located within the special district without regard to the assessable area of the lot or parcel;

(iii) each lot or parcel of land, including the improvements on the lot or parcel, may be assessed for that part of the cost of the special district that its taxable valuation bears to the total taxable valuation of the property of the district;

(iv) each lot or parcel of land may be assessed based on the lineal front footage of any part of the lot or parcel that is in the district and abuts the area to be improved or maintained;

(v) each lot or parcel of land within the district may be assessed for that part of the cost that the reasonably estimated vehicle trips generated for a lot or parcel of its size in its zoning classification bear to the reasonably estimated vehicle trips generated for all lots in the district based on their size and zoning classification;

(vi) each lot or parcel of land within the district may be assessed based on each family residential unit or one or more business units; or

(vii) any combination of the assessment options provided in subsections (3)(a)(i) through (3)(a)(vi) may be used for the special district as a whole; or

(b) based upon the character, kind, and quality of service for a residential or commercial unit, taking into consideration:

(i) the nature of the property or entity assessed;

(ii) a calculated basis for the program or service, including volume or weight;

(iii) the cost, incentives, or penalties applicable to the program or service practices; or

(iv) any combination of these factors.

(4) If property created as a condominium is subject to assessment, each unit within the condominium is considered a separate parcel of real property subject to separate assessment and the lien of the assessment. Each unit must be assessed for the unit's percentage of undivided interest in the common elements of the condominium. The

percentage of the undivided ownership interest must be as set forth in the condominium declaration.

(5) A governing body may, by resolution, instruct the state or any applicable federal agency to designate a special district as the recipient of federal funds to be used for the costs and expenses of the special district.

**History: En. Sec. 15, Ch. 286, L. 2009; amd. Sec. 14, Ch. 262, L. 2015; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 133, L. 2021.**

# Attachment B

