

Solid Waste Agreement

Athens Services Second Amendment

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Current Status

- Athens Services partnership since 2011
- Current Agreement Term June 30, 2028
- City's largest service vendor contract
- Serves nearly every resident and business in City



Industry Disruptions

- Waste to Energy facility closure (SERRF)
- Landfill closures
- Athens to collect three streams to comply with SB1383



Second Amendment Development

- Athens proposed amendment (SERRF closure and impact on diversion rates) – March 2024
- Athens proposed revised amendment (three stream collection and other terms) – March 2025
- Presentation to City Council for direction – May 2025
- Staff/consultant rates study to Council – January 2026
- City Council authorized staff to initiate Prop 218 – March 2026

Current Status

In January 2026 City Council gave direction on the refuse rates:

- Reclassify multifamily (5+ units) as commercial
- Bundle all customer services
- Single family residential and multifamily (up to 4 units) rates not impacted

In March 2026 City Council directed staff:

- Negotiate with Athens on remaining changes to terms
- Initiate a Proposition 218 process for May 19, 2026
- Bring draft amendment to City Council for review in advance of Public Hearing

Other Changes to Terms

With rate structure settled, other key provisions:

- Term of Agreement (extension to June 30, 2036)
- Transformation target removed
- Diversion requirement adjusted
- Roll-off exclusivity (after 5-year noticing period)
- Scout service fee
- SB1383 program changes



Are proposed changes good for the City?

✓ Ensures continuity of high value service with Athens

- Strong track-record for all solid waste programs
- “Free” residential bulky item pick-up
- City facilities and city can collection
- HHW and document shredding
- Street sweeping
- Community events partner

Are proposed changes good for the City?

✓ Addresses State regulatory changes

- Implement new collection protocols (3 streams)
- Responsive to changing regulatory environment
- Compost giveaways
- Meets the City's SB1338 recycling product purchase targets

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✓ Financial Model Stability

- Mitigates impacts of rising costs in solid waste industry
- Provide rate structure certainty for City residents and business
- Delivers mandated services efficiently
- Better supports City administration of programs

Of the 7 neighboring cities survey by HF&H Consultants Redondo Beach meets or exceeds services levels in all reviewed areas with competitive rates for residents and commercial customers.

Recommendation

- Provide input to staff regarding the proposed second amendment
- Direct staff to return to City Council on May 19, 2026 for a Proposition 218 Public Hearing and formally consider the second amendment for approval

Terms

- This document lists the terms of the proposed second amendment provided by Athens Services in order of the draft amendment shared with staff. The list is not in order of importance or magnitude of change to existing Agreement. The proposed revisions to the Agreement are listed below with a summary of programmatic/operational adjustments:

- 1. **Amendment Definitions:** Revised SB1383 language
 2. **References to “Green Waste”:** Revised SB1383 language
 3. **Roll-Off; Scope of Franchise:** Inclusion of exclusive roll-off and temporary bin services in franchise agreement following five-year notice period. Inclusion of cost recovery City fees (13.4%) for program implementation.
 4. **Services to the South Bay Galleria:** Inclusion of “South Bay Galleria” property in franchise agreement. This is currently a “carve-out” in the contract due to the unique operational demands of the mall facility.
 5. **Current Classifications: “Bundled Service”:**
 - Continue Bundled Service for residential customers (one 96-gallon cart for each stream refuse, recycling, and organics) or one 64-gallon organics cart for commercial service
 - Introduce Bundled Service to multi-family/commercial customers. Customers receiving bin service will receive 3-yard refuse bin, 96-gallon recycling bin, and one 64G/ two 35G organics carts as default.

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6. **Overweight and Overflow Containers:** If the customer places more in container than fits or is in excess of weigh capacity the Contractor may charge fee and adjust service. Removal of the notification process prior to assessment of fees/adjustment of service. Occurs when customer overfills, often at locations where owners “under-select” the size of bin needed.
7. **Roll-Off Box Service:** (as above)
8. **Temporary Bin Service:** (as above)
9. **Scout Service Rates:** Introduction of scout fees for pushing or rolling bins to point of collection currently proposed at \$35 per month for one bin per week (trash only).
10. **Elimination of Residential Two-Cart Pilot Collection Program:** (Pilot concluded and eliminated.)
11. **Mandatory Recyclables Collection for Residential Bin and Commercial Customers:** Currently, recycling service is bundled with refuse and organics in the Bundled Service. No change for residential customers. Proposed that multi-family units and commercial customers billed directly by hauler will receive 96G recycling cart in the Bundled Service – additional service will be charged at the rate outlined in the Rate Sheet.

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- 12. Diversion Requirement:** Diversion requirement will be eliminated and replaced with “implementation of programs designed to achieve diversion”. This meets state law requirement but removes a numerical diversion target.
- 13. Organic Waste Collection for Residential Bin and Commercial Customers:** Organic waste collection will be included in the Bundled Service. No change for residential customers. Proposed that multi-family units and commercial customers billed directly by hauler will receive one 64G recycling cart or two 35G carts in the Bundled Service – additional service will be charged at the rate outlined in the Rate Sheet.
- 14. SB 1383 Program:** Replace Appendix I with new Appendix I.
 - Eliminate two-stream service, where still in operation, and replace with three-stream service (trash, recycling and organics).
 - Changing Organic Contamination Fee to contamination fee for any commodity and customer may be charged for each contaminated container.
 - Adjustments to contamination fee processes.
 - In current Agreement, Athens is required to process all trash to recover recyclables prior to landfilling. The Contractor is required to divert a minimum of 8.5% of solid waste collected from residential refuse carts. Given changes in recycling practices, Athens advises achieving this additional level of diversion is no longer practical and proposes eliminating and directly transporting all trash to landfill.
- 15. Approved Facilities:** Removal of named approved receiving facilities and proposes Contractor shall transport all solid waste that is collected in the City to a lawfully permitted Transfer Station, MRF, processing Facility, or Disposal Facility.

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- 16. Capacity Guarantee:** Removal of guaranteed tonnage levels at named facility and replaced with Contractor shall guarantee capacity at Contractor-selected facilities for all refuse, recyclable materials, and organic waste collected by Contractor during the term of this Agreement.
- 17. Liquidated Damages (Diversion):** Adjustments to Liquidated Damages (LD) for diversion to account for revised diversion requirements. LD for failure to submit and/or implement a corrective action plan.
- 18. Faithful Performance Letter of Credit (LOC):** Removal of LOC from the Agreement.
- 19. Customer Billing:** Multi-family units (5+units) will be considered commercial and billed in accordance with Section 12.1.3.1 (Commercial rate structure). Other revised language related to customer billing.
- 20. Events of Default:** Revised language.
- 21. Other Failures to Perform:** Revised language.
- 22. Events of Default (Diversion):** Revised language due to changes to diversion requirements.

Terms

- 23. Term of the Agreement:** Proposes term for second amendment to expire June 30, 2036 (8-year extension over current term) with option for City to grant two five-year extensions.
- 24. General Indemnification:** Revised language
- 25. Hazardous Substances Indemnification:** Revised language
- 26. Exception:** New section
- 27. Approved Rate Schedule:** Appendix E will be replaced in its entirety with a new rate schedule for multi-family units and commercial customers billed directly by the Contractor.