

TOWN OF YANKEETOWN

Council Rate Recommendation

Waste Pro Trash Rate Increase

To: Mayor and Town Council **From:** Town Administrator **Date:** September 24, 2026

Recommended action. Adopt a resolution increasing the monthly customer trash charge from \$16.55 to \$26.39, effective October 1, 2026. Keep the \$1.00 monthly administrative fee unchanged. The resulting customer bill would be \$27.39 per month, an increase of \$9.84. The trash charge would cover Waste Pro's combined trash and recycling cost, leaving the administrative fee for Town costs.

Reason for the change

Waste Pro has advised the Town that its trash charge will increase by \$8.50 per customer per month because Levy County will begin charging for commercial haulers' landfill disposal on October 1. The County's published tipping fee for solid waste delivered by commercial haulers is \$85 per ton. Waste Pro's \$2.16 per-customer recycling charge is unchanged. The Town contracts with and pays Waste Pro, then bills its 335 customers at rates set by the Town Council.

Monthly rate comparison

Per customer, per month	Current	After October 1
Waste Pro trash charge	\$15.73	\$24.23
Waste Pro recycling charge	\$2.16	\$2.16
Total Waste Pro cost	\$17.89	\$26.39
Town trash charge	\$16.55	\$26.39 proposed
Town administrative fee	\$1.00	\$1.00
Total Town customer bill	\$17.55	\$27.39 proposed

At 335 customers, Waste Pro's \$8.50 increase adds \$2,847.50 to the Town's monthly cost. The proposed \$9.84 customer increase adds \$3,296.40 to monthly billings (\$39,556.80 annually at a constant customer count).

Why the recommended increase is greater than \$8.50

The Town currently bills \$17.55 per customer, including the administrative fee, while Waste Pro charges \$17.89 for trash and recycling combined. The Town therefore collects \$0.34 less than Waste Pro's charges per customer, or \$113.90 less per month for 335 customers. Raising the customer bill by only \$8.50 would continue that shortfall and leave no funds from the administrative fee for Town costs.

The recommended trash charge of \$26.39 equals Waste Pro's new \$24.23 trash charge plus its unchanged \$2.16 recycling charge. Adding the Town's \$1.00 administrative fee produces a \$27.39 monthly customer bill. The \$9.84 increase closes the existing cost gap and makes the \$1.00 administrative fee available for Town billing and administration.

Resolution preparation

Before adoption, confirm Waste Pro's written notice and the contract provision supporting the \$8.50 increase and October 1 effective date. The resolution should state the selected monthly trash charge, retain the \$1.00 administrative fee, identify the effective billing date, and direct staff to update customer billing.

County fee source: *Levy County, General Solid Waste Items, commercial hauler tipping fee (\$85 per ton):*
<https://www.levycounty.org/202/General-Solid-Waste-Items>