

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL TRASH
COLLECTION RATE INCREASE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fountain Valley will conduct a public protest hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 10200 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, to consider an increase in residential trash collection rates. If approved, the new rate would be effective immediately.

The proposed residential trash collection rate increase includes a request by Rainbow Environmental Services, the City's franchised waste hauler and recycling company, to increase the trash collection rate by \$0.27. The current residential trash collection charge is \$18.84 per month per single-family unit dwelling. If approved, the new residential trash collection charge would be \$19.11 per residential unit per month. The current senior citizen discount rate is \$16.65 per month per single-family unit dwelling. If approved, the new senior citizen discount rate would be \$16.88 per residential unit per month.

The charge is imposed bimonthly and collected through water bills.

The requested rate increase from Rainbow Environmental Services reflects increased waste disposal costs. The justification for the requested rate increase is set forth in a letter from Rainbow Environmental Services to the City of Fountain Valley with a subject matter entitled "2017 Recycling & Solid Waste Change in Compensation." This letter and financial analysis is available for review at City Hall.

If approved, the adjusted residential trash rate would be \$19.11 per month per account.

The City Council is considering this requested increase to the residential trash collection rate. Under Proposition 218, protests to the proposed rate increase must be delivered in writing to the City Clerk prior to the conclusion of the Public Protest Hearing. There are approximately 14,400 residential trash accounts. Townhomes and attached dwellings up to five units are considered residential accounts and are, therefore, affected by the proposed rate increase. Only if a majority (50% plus one or 7,201) file written protests to the proposed rate establishment will it be defeated by a Proposition 218 "vote." Absent the majority protest, the City Council can consider the requested rate increase as requested by Rainbow Environmental Services.

The last residential trash collection increase was in 2014. The 2014 rate increase was \$0.25. The last increase prior to the 2014 increase was \$0.33 in 2011.

Questions or comments regarding the proposed rate may be directed to the City of Fountain Valley Public Works Department at (714) 593-4441 or by e-mail at fvproud@fountainvalley.org.

Under Proposition 218, protests to the proposed increase in residential trash collection rates must be delivered in writing to the City Clerk, City of Fountain Valley, 10200 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA, 92708, prior to the conclusion of the Public Protest Hearing on March 7, 2017. Please include the Fountain Valley address of the affected property with any correspondence.