



City of Galveston

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Galveston City Council considering changes to commercial trash rates

Galveston, TX – October 3, 2023 – Galveston City Council later this month will consider changes to the City of Galveston’s commercial trash rates and service.

The City of Galveston is proposing changes that would increase the commercial rates from \$53.12 to \$129 per month and cease the daily downtown commercial trash services beginning January 1, 2024. The City is proposing these changes because the current expenses for commercial service are greater than the revenues, which means residential users are subsidizing the commercial service.

The City of Galveston is one of the few municipalities in the area that provides trash services for residents and businesses. Commercial businesses have the option of using franchised private haulers. While many cities contract with one commercial hauler, the City of Galveston allows businesses the opportunity to shop different commercial haulers for the best pricing.

The cost of providing commercial services by the city has increased over time, but rates have not been analyzed for many years beyond a small inflationary adjustment in 2021. The rates are currently far below market standard and do not meet the expenses of providing commercial services.

City Council workshopped the item in September and deferred the vote until the October 26 regular meeting. The meeting is Thursday, October 26 at 5 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 823 Rosenberg.

