



City Council Workshop Agenda

July 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers - 210 W 6th Ave and Virtual

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1. Waste Management Contract

Council Agenda Coversheet	Item Number: 1.	Date: 7/22/2025	Category: Info Only
	Item Type:	Presentation	
	Subject:	Waste Management Contract	
	Department:	Public Works	
<u>Summary</u> The existing contract with Waste Management expires December 31, 2025. City staff along with Waste Management representatives will be giving a presentation on updates to the proposed 10-year contract extension for Solid Waste services. Key considerations include: Updating the recycling program, reduction of no cost dumps, elimination of fall leaf collection and continuation of service to the Toyota/Convention Center.			
Attachments: 1. Presentation			

Contract Extension with Waste Management for Solid Waste Services

Council Workshop Presentation
July 22, 2025



WM CONTRACT

Contract History

- Contract January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2014
- Contract January 1, 1984 – December 31, 2004
- Contract January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2025
 - Amendment September 22, 2016
 - one time rate increase of \$0.62
 - Amendment May 4, 2021
 - rate increase by \$0.62
 - revise recycle list
 - reduce “free dumps” from 12 to 6
 - raise additional cart cost to \$2.00 dollars
 - reimburse City ½ of increased cart cost

WM CONTRACT

Relationship History

- Timely engagement by management team
 - Address citizen issues same day
 - Responsive to spills and equipment issues
- Responsive support of City staff needs
- Active Participant in Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Community event support



WM CONTRACT

Response to Concerns

- Individual Service Issues
 - When alerted, manager calls citizen same day to resolve issue
- Call Center Issues
 - The local managers direct office line and cell phone are available to key City Staff
 - Office on Washington Street closed during Covid and has reopened.
- Vehicle Oil Leaks/ Load Leaks
 - WM staff responds same day to clean up leaks in the street
 - Vehicle replacement is nearly complete





City of Kennewick Solid Waste Collection Contract Review

John Cowling - Public Works Director

Martin Nelson - Solid Waste Program Engineer

Tyler Mackay - Senior Manager Public Sector Solutions

Zack Stavros - Senior Accounts Executive

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City of Kennewick & WM

Current contract effective

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2025

Service Details:

- 35-Gallon and 96-Gallon garbage carts
- 18-Gallon recycling bins
- 6 Residential self-haul disposal trips accepted annually at the WM Transfer Station at no cost
- Fall Leaf Collection Program
- Commercial container service
- Industrial drop box services
- No cost service to city facilities & parks



2025 Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Services

Kennewick Current Service Rate

96-Gallon Garbage with 18-Gallon Recycling Weekly Service

\$20.84 per month

Regional Rates with Recycling

\$56.16
City of Prosser

\$48.63
City of Ellensburg

\$41.11
City of Pullman

\$37.12
City of Moses Lake

\$36.67
City of Walla Walla

\$25.20*
City of Richland

Regional Rates Garbage Only

\$26.45
City of Yakima

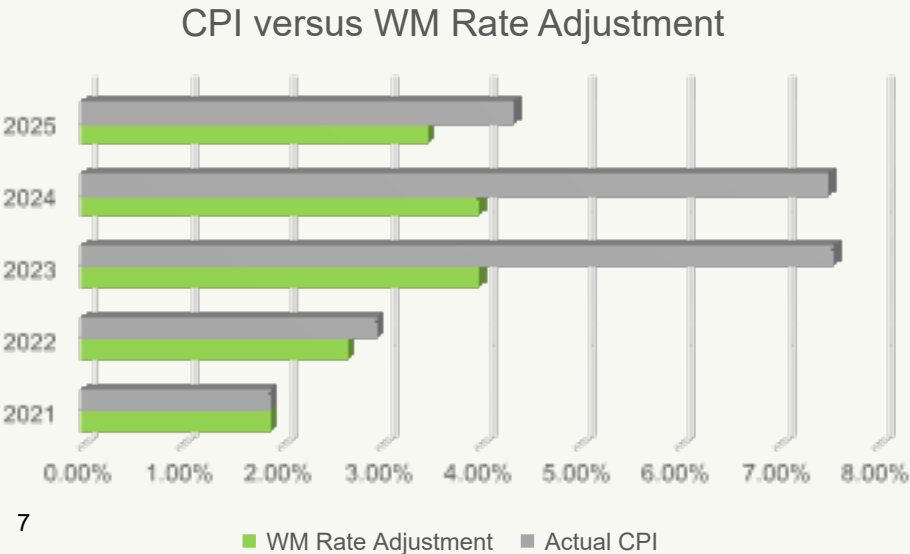
\$32.10
Franklin County

\$31.16
City of West Richland

\$32.35**
La Grande & Island City

\$25.10
City of Pasco

Rate Deterioration over 5 years

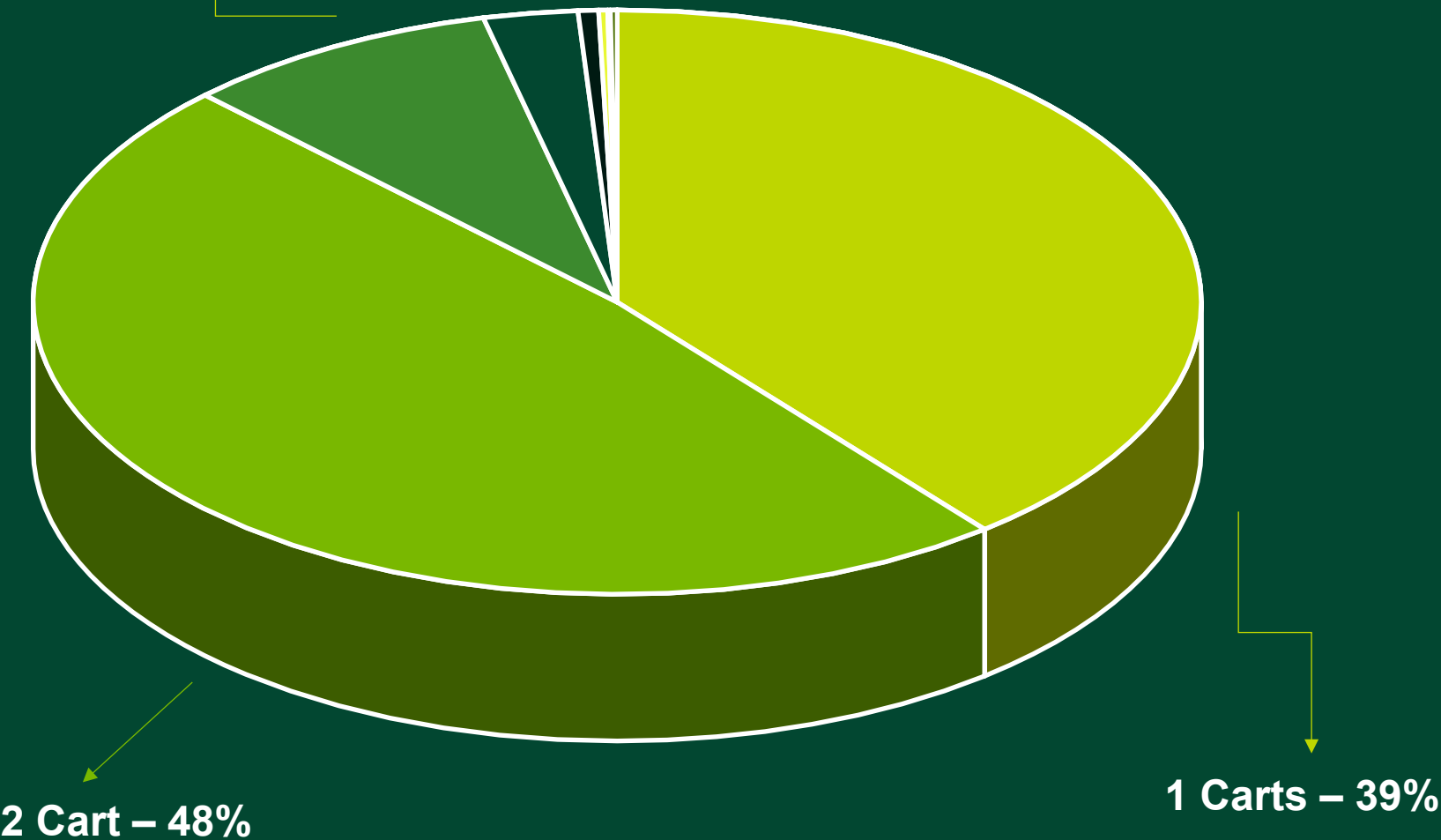


*Subsidized by monthly surcharge, high commercial rates, and self-sufficient ecosystem
**64-Gallon as 96-Gallon is not provided

Garbage Cart Distribution

3 Carts – 8%

4-8 Carts – 5%



Total 96-Gallon Customers

21,500

Total 96-Gallon Carts in use

38,489

Current Rate for Additional Cart

\$2.30

Right-Sizing Customer Carts

2026 Extra Cart Rates

- \$9.99 for 1st extra 96-Gallon cart.
 - \$18.00 per cart after that.
- 96-Gallon recycling carts allow customers to use more recycling and reduce number of garbage carts
- Drivers report that customers with 3+ garbage carts do not frequently use all of them weekly



Upgrading Kennnewick's Recycling



96-gallon wheeled carts offer 33% more volume and provide an opportunity to right-size garbage carts and reduce monthly bill.



Carted recycling is easier, more convenient and can increase participation exponentially.



Lidded recycling carts are more stable, keep materials dry and contained, and help protect our environment and community.



Automated collection is more efficient and safer for drivers and community.

Solid Waste Handling Standards

WAC 173-350

- **Leak-proof & covered design** is required for all solid waste carts, roll-carts, bins, and receptacle, whether provided by hauler or customer. They ***must be leak-proof and equipped with lids*** or covers to prevent material spillage, attract pests, or exposure to weather.

Statewide Color & Labeling Standards

HB 1497

- Containers under 101 gallons must have **specific color-coded lids** and **clearly labeled body and lid** to identify the intended material stream by **January 1, 2028**.
- **Gray and/or Black** = Trash
- **Blue** = Recyclables
- **Green and/or Brown** = Organics
- Labeling must meet **minimum size and visibility standards**, for large carts and commercial bins.

End Producer Responsibility (EPR)

SB 5284 – The Recycling Reform Act

- EPR makes packaging producers financially responsible for the full life cycle of their products, including collection, recycling, and education.
- Producers must join a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) by 2026 to fund and manage statewide recycling services.
- Recycling access will be expanded to underserved areas, adding curbside service for an estimated 500,000 homes by 2030.
- PROs must reimburse cities and haulers for the costs of collecting, transporting, and processing covered materials—up to 90% by 2032.
- Uniform statewide recycling standards will reduce contamination and improve recycling rates, aiming to lift recovery from 40% to 66%.

Recycling Modernization

Rate Comparison Bins vs. Carted Recycling

Contract
(Old Recycling Program)

Residential Recycling Program	18-gallon Bins (Weekly Service)
Monthly Service Cost	Residential Rates
	35-Gallon \$21.50
	96-Gallon \$29.07
	Low Income Rates (New)
	35-Gallon \$17.20
	96-Gallon \$23.26

10-year Contract
(New Recycling Program)

Residential Recycling Program	96-gallon Carts (Every Other Week)
Monthly Service Cost	Residential Rates
	35-Gallon \$26.46
	64/65-Gallon* \$29.28
	96-Gallon \$32.10
	Low Income Rates (New)
	35-Gallon \$21.17
	64/65-Gallon* \$23.42
	96-Gallon \$25.68
	*New size option

Cost Saving Opportunities

Reduction in no cost dump coupons

Adjusting the annual allocation of no cost dump coupons from six (6) to two (2) per household, the city can **lower waste rates by \$0.41 per month for all residents**. This change delivers real savings for **every** customer while still preserving access to the no cost self-haul transfer station program that is used by fewer residents on occasion.

Fall Leaf Program

Retiring the Fall Leaf Collection Program offers a practical way to **reduce residential rates by \$0.14 per month**. With year-round disposal options already in place, this change optimizes resources while delivering savings directly to all residents.

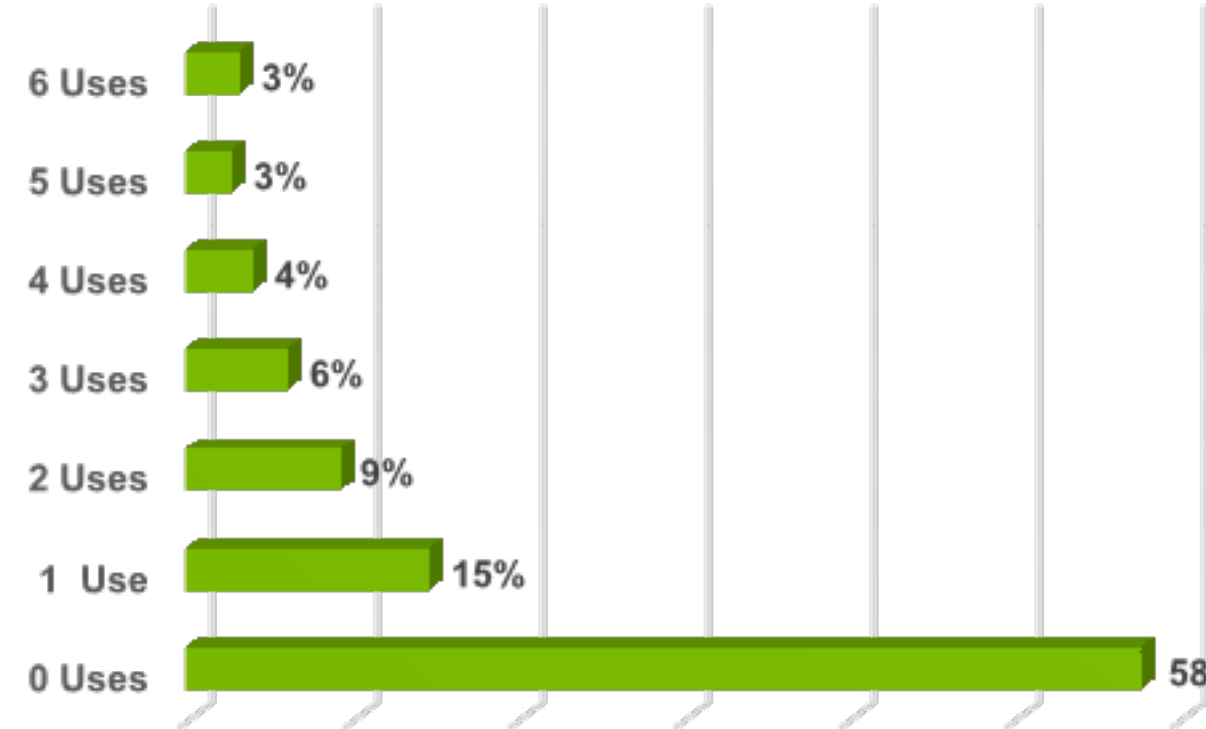
In-kind service to city facilities

In-kind service to Toyota Center and Convention Center are not included in the proposed rates. Continuing this service for no cost would **increase residential rates by \$0.16**.

Kennewick Coupon Program

January – December
2024

% OF CUSTOMERS BY USAGE



40% OF CUSTOMERS PARTICIPATED

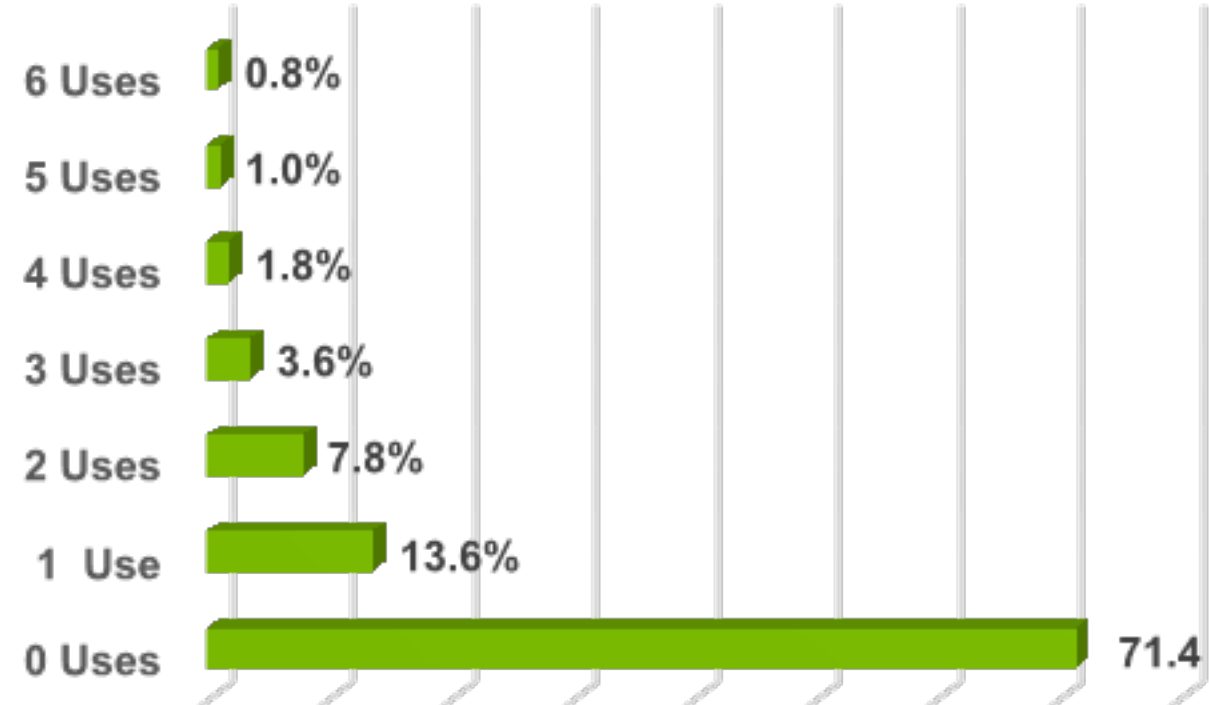
■ Customers Enrolled ■ Customers Participated

25500

10292

January – June
2025

% OF CUSTOMERS BY USAGE



29% OF CUSTOMERS PARTICIPATED

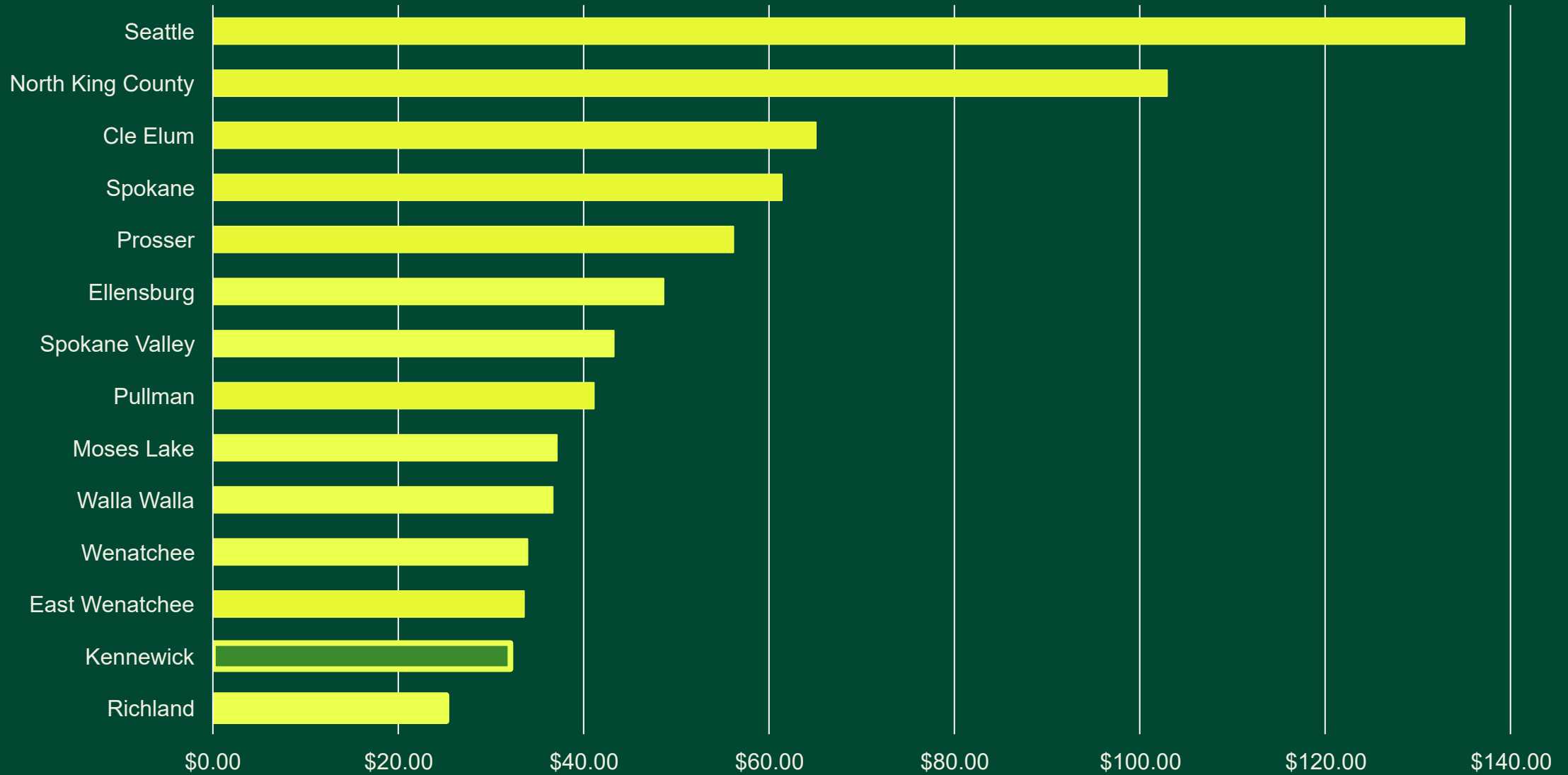
■ Customers Enrolled ■ Customers Participated

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Recycle Cart (In Gallons)	Garbage Cart + Recycle Option	In-Kind Service Adjustments	Service Frequency	Rate Adjustment	Base Rate Monthly
96 Cart	35 Garbage 64 Garbage 96 Garbage	- Reduce no cost customer coupons from six to two - Eliminate Fall Leaf Collection Program - Include event center service with in-kind city services	Weekly Garbage EOW Recycle	-\$0.39	\$26.07 \$28.89 \$31.71
96 Cart	35 Garbage 64 Garbage 96 Garbage	- Reduce no cost customer coupons from six to two - Eliminate Fall Leaf Collection Program - Event centers not included with in-kind city services	Weekly Garbage EOW Recycle	-\$0.55	\$25.91 \$28.73 \$31.55
96 Cart	35 Garbage 64 Garbage 96 Garbage	- Six no cost customer coupons annually - Fall Leaf Collection Program - Include event center service with in-kind city services	Weekly Garbage EOW Recycle	+\$0.16	\$26.62 \$29.44 \$32.26
96 Cart	35 Garbage 64 Garbage 96 Garbage	- Six no cost customer coupons annually - Fall Leaf Collection Program - Event centers not included with in-kind city services	Weekly Garbage EOW Recycle	No Change	\$26.46 \$29.28 \$32.10

Modern Contract for 96-Gallon Garbage with Recycle Comparison



Next Steps

1. Evolve and improve bin style to cart style recycling
2. Confirm best waste programs that benefit all residents
3. Approve optimized city services
4. Draft and review amended & restated agreement
5. Determine implementation timeline
6. Approve amended agreement
 - 10 City Council meetings left in 2025
 - Agreement term ends December 31, 2025



WM CONTRACT

Staff Recommendation

- Move forward with WM contract with the following provisions
 - Update recycling program to carts every other week in lieu of bins weekly
 - Reduce no cost dumps to two annually (savings of \$0.41 monthly)
 - Eliminate Fall Leaf Collection (savings of \$0.14 monthly)
 - Continue event center service (additional \$0.16 monthly)
 - Overall cost savings of \$0.39/month
- Equates to a new base rate as follows
 - 35 Gallon \$26.07/month
 - 64 Gallon \$28.89/month
 - 96 Gallon \$31.71/month



QUESTIONS?

**Thank You for Your
Continued Partnership**

