

# **TOWN OF HIGHLAND, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

## **SANITARY DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND**

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS, SERVED PROPERTY OWNERS, USERS OF SERVICES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF PROPOSED USER FEES IMPOSITION OR INCREASE IN SUPPORT OF COSTS TO THE SANITARY DISTRICT AND SEWAGE WORKS FOR COLLECTION, TREATMENT, DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND OPERATIONS, ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE, PURSUANT TO IC 36-9-25-11 ET SEQUITUR.**

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers and Customers of the Sanitary District of the Town of Highland, Served Property Owners, Users of Services and Other Interested parties that the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of said Municipality will sit in said Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, **at 7:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025**, at which time it will consider the following resolution of the Sanitary District of the Town of Highland, which was introduced and filed at its regular meeting of *February 18, 2025*, proposing to amend the user fee rates for collection, disposal of Solid Waste and regulating its management:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND, ALL PURSUANT TO IC 36-9-25 ET SEQ.**

**Whereas**, The Sanitary District of Highland is governed by its Board of Sanitary Commissioners (Board), pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-9-25 et seq.; and

**Whereas**, IC 36-9-25-9 specifically provides that the Board shall collect and remove garbage, ashes, and other waste materials to prevent the pollution of watercourses within the district and to protect public health; and

**Whereas**, IC 36-9-25-10(13) further provides that the Board may collect and remove, or contract for the collection and removal of, all garbage, ashes, dead animals, refuse, and wastes from domestic premises, and construct or have constructed stations, including barns, garages, sheds, blacksmith shops, dumps, incinerators, and all other useful or necessary improvements for this purpose and adopt resolutions, rules, and bylaws that are necessary to carry out the provisions of IC 36-9-25, including repealing or amending them consistent with Sanitary District Law; and

**Whereas,** IC 36-9-25-11 provides that the Board may fix fees for the treatment and disposal of sewage and other waste discharged into the sewerage system, collect the fees, and establish and enforce rules governing the furnishing of and payment for sewage treatment and disposal service; and

**Whereas,** The Board, on February 18, 2025, awarded a contract to Republic Services of Indiana LP for the Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables, which establishes unit pricing for services to be provided for all dwelling units in the Town of Highland, and

**Whereas,** The Board also provides for other solid waste management services (i.e. branch collection and leaf collection) for the qualified residential dwelling units of the Town of Highland and realizes other certain costs associated with the administration and management of the solid waste collection and disposal services provided; and

**Whereas,** It has been determined that the Solid Waste Management Fees Schedule needs to be amended in order to assure that the fees collected for services are just and equitable owing to the changes in the Solid Waste Management program.

**Now, Therefore Be it Resolved** by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

**Section 1.** That subdivision (F) of Section 12.15.090 under Chapter 12.15 of the Highland Municipal Code be hereby deleted and repealed and be hereby amended by inserting the following replacement subdivision, to be renamed subdivision (F) of Section 12.15.090 under Chapter 12.15, which shall read as follows:

Section 12.15.090      Solid Waste Management Fees and Services

(F)      The solid waste management and other fees shall be charged according to the following schedule and shall remain in effect as indicated until such time as they may be modified or rescinded by passage and adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to the terms of IC 36-9-25 et seq.:

**Solid Waste Management Fees Schedule**  
**Monthly Solid Waste Management Fees**

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| (1) | For the period beginning April 1, 2025:                     |         |
|     | (a)      Qualified dwelling unit – 95-gallon refuse cart:   | \$28.40 |
|     | (b)      Qualified dwelling unit    95-gallon recycle cart: | \$3.00  |
| (2) | For the period beginning April 1, 2026:                     |         |
|     | (a)      Qualified dwelling unit – 95-gallon refuse cart:   | \$29.83 |
|     | (b)      Qualified dwelling unit    95-gallon recycle cart: | \$3.15  |
| (3) | For the period beginning April 1, 2027:                     |         |

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|     | (a) | Qualified dwelling unit – 95-gallon refuse cart: | \$31.32 |
|     | (b) | Qualified dwelling unit 95-gallon recycle cart:  | \$3.31  |
| (4) |     | For the period beginning April 1, 2028:          |         |
|     | (a) | Qualified dwelling unit – 95-gallon refuse cart: | \$33.13 |
|     | (b) | Qualified dwelling unit 95-gallon recycle cart:  | \$3.51  |
| (5) |     | For the period beginning April 1, 2029:          |         |
|     | (a) | Qualified dwelling unit – 95-gallon refuse cart: | \$35.33 |
|     | (b) | Qualified dwelling unit 95-gallon recycle cart:  | \$3.75  |
| (6) |     | For the period beginning April 1, 2030:          |         |
|     | (a) | Qualified dwelling unit – 95-gallon refuse cart: | \$37.66 |
|     | (b) | Qualified dwelling unit 95-gallon recycle cart:  | \$4.01  |

**Section 2.** That Section 12.15.093 under Chapter 12.15 of the Highland Municipal Code be hereby deleted and repealed in its entirety.

**Section 3.** That pursuant to IC 36-9-25-11 (c), the fees and charges imposed by passage and adoption of this resolution shall become and be effective upon all users whose property is within the district, upon approval by ordinance passed and approved by the municipal legislative body, which is the Highland Town Council.

**Section 4.** That the Secretary of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the office of the clerk treasurer as clerk of the legislative body, with a request that the Town Council of the Town of Highland, take up the matter for consideration and action at its earliest opportunity.

Introduced on February 18, 2025. Order for a public hearing on March 4, 2025, all pursuant to IC 36-9-25-11.

**Duly Adopted,** Resolved and Ordered by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025. Having been passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ opposed.

**THE SANITARY DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND  
BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Garcia, President

Attest:

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David Jones, Secretary of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners

BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND, INDIANA