

No. 9513-29

An ordinance to set the Transfer  
Station rates for FY22.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 22, 2021

VOTED: by yea and nay vote to accept  
the amended ordinance. The motion  
passed by unanimous yea vote.

Attest, Jason LaForest  
President

Cathleen M. King  
City Clerk

A True Record  
Attest, \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Approved, June 23, 2021

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor



# City of North Adams

In City Council

June 8, 2021

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of North Adams as follows:

That Chapter 7 entitled Department of Public Services, Section 7-11 entitled Disposal of Waste at Transfer Station; charges, be and is hereby amended under paragraph (b) (4) Rates, paragraph (c) (5) Rates and paragraph (e) (4) Rates as follows:

By deleting the following:

- Paragraph (b) (4) Rates
- Paragraph (c) (5) Rates
- Paragraph (e) (4) Rates

and inserting in place thereof the following:

- General refuse: \$0.0749 per pound effective July 1, 2021
- Brush, cord wood and leaves: \$10 per cubic yard
- Building materials and debris: \$0.0749 per pound
- Metal, excluding appliances: \$0.0749 per pound
- Appliances: \$50 per appliance
- Recyclable material: no charge
- Car tires: \$6 per tire
- Car tires with rims: \$8
- Truck tires equal to or smaller than size 1100-20: \$25 each
- Truck tires larger than size 1100-20: \$40 each
- Truck tires with rims: \$15 per tire in addition to the above listed charges.
- Non-compacting material: \$15 per piece
- Wood-clean: \$0.10 per pound, minimum charge \$2
- Minimum scale charge: \$10

**Expenses**  
 FY 2022 Contract  
 Contingency

Rate	\$ 86.58	Scale Cost/Year	102.60	Works Expended	40,577.40
		20% Environmental and Fuel (Northridge)			

Trash from City Parks, Main Street, illegal dumping  
 & Bags / Stickers & Recycling

Salaries	\$ 1,26,298.24	Rate \$	21.54
Electric	\$ 5,000.00	Hours \$	40.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 20,000.00	Total Cost \$	44,803.20
Supplies	\$ 5,000.00		
Clothing	\$ 2,000.00		
Fuel	\$ 2,500.00		
Health Insurance	\$ 32,000.00	Rate \$	20.95
FICA	\$ 1,831.32	Hours \$	40.00
Pension	\$ 7,670.34	Total Cost \$	43,576.00
	\$ 201,699.90		
Engineering	\$ 5,000.00	Rate \$	13.99
	\$ 467,537.40	Hours \$	48.00
	\$ 674,237.40	Total Cost \$	54,919.04
		Scale Operator & Maintains (%)	
		Rate \$	13.99
		Hours \$	48.00
		Total Cost \$	54,919.04
		Overtime	\$ 3,000.00

Scale Rate	\$ 149.83	Tonnage	4,500.00	Total	\$ 725,277.30
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Bag Cost	Size	Cost/Bag	Weight	Total Cost/Bag	Retain Price
\$	33 gallon	\$ 0.40	1.27	\$ 1.87	1.00
\$	15 gallon	\$ 0.23	1.2	\$ 1.35	1.50

A 33-gallon bag will typically hold about 30 pounds of waste.  
 A 15-gallon bag will typically hold about 15 pounds of waste.

Capital Income	Type of Sticker	Current Sticker Cost/Vehicle	Number Sold	Income
Resident		\$ 60.00	1184	\$ 71,904.00
Non-Resident		\$ 80.00	488	\$ 39,040.00
Commercial		\$ 85.00	202	\$ 17,170.00
	TOTAL			\$ 127,914.00

Americans discard 4.43 pounds of garbage/day (EPA Facts and Figures)  
 Family of Four 3 2339 Tons of Solid Waste

Old Rate	\$ 133.45	Scale	\$ 149.83	Sticker	60.00	Yearly Cost	\$ 491.26
New Rate	\$ 149.83				60.00		\$ 544.54

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Chief Administrative Officer- Chief of Staff

June 2, 2021

To: Mayor Bernard

From: Angie Lopes Ellison, Chief Administrative Officer

Re: FY2022 Transfer Station Rates

The City of North Adams continues to operate a transfer station that services not only the City of North Adams but all of Northern Berkshire County. As has been the practice in the past Commissioner Lescarbeau and I are recommending an annual adjustment to the rates in order to keep the facility operating properly.

I am asking that you and the City Council increase the scale rate to \$0.749 per pound (\$149.83 per ton) for general refuse, building materials and debris. This proposal also includes a \$0.50 increase to 33-gallon general refuse bags and a \$0.25 increase in the 18-gallon bags. Certain fees in bulk items will increase to reflect a more accurate cost of disposal (see below). The remain fees will remain the same and we will be maintaining the current operational hours and days at the transfer station.

I have included a cost breakdown, and I respectfully request that you present the accompanying Ordinance for adoption by the North Adams City Council following presentation to and review by the Public Service committee of the Council.

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