NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Increase to Rates for Business Sector Diversion Services

Date: **September 13, 2011**
Time: **2:00 p.m.**
Place: **City Council Chambers, City Hall**
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara will consider a recommendation to adopt a resolution, at the above-indicated time and place, to increase business sector recycling collection service rates charged by the City. Increases would be effective on utility bills dated October 1, 2011 or later. The proposed rate schedule is included on the reverse side of this notice. Small variations in the stated percentages may occur due to rounding.

Each year, the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara establishes fees for the routine collection of trash and recyclable materials (mixed recyclables, green waste, and food scraps) in the City. Prior to November of 2009, fees charged for recycling services were 50 percent of the fees for equivalent trash services. In November of 2009, the fee for recycling services was lowered to approximately 15 percent of the fee for equivalent trash services to further encourage businesses to recycle.

Since November of 2009, both the number of customers and the levels of trash and recycling services to which they subscribe have fallen with the worsening economy. However, the fixed costs to collect trash and recycling have remained constant. With fewer customers subscribing to service, the existing fees no longer cover the costs to provide these services. In addition, revenue from the sale of recyclable materials also plummeted over the same time period. Besides these revenue losses, the Solid Waste Fund was also required by State law to spend approximately $1,000,000 to construct and maintain a landfill gas collection system at the closed dumpsite beneath Elings Park.

For these reasons, the City Council directed staff to increase fees for business sector recycling services in order to balance the City's Solid Waste Fund for Fiscal Year 2012. In addition, the rate increases are designed to reduce the price differential between recycling containers and equivalent trash containers. As a result, effective October 1, 2011, fees on business sector *recycling containers* would increase by 108 percent. This does not necessarily mean that a business' total bill would increase by this same percentage since only fees for recycling services would rise while fees for trash services would remain unchanged. The overall impact to a business would depend upon the number of recycling containers currently utilized relative to trash containers by the business. Those that subscribe to a greater proportion of recycling services would experience a higher rate increase than those that subscribe to fewer recycling services.

With the proposed fee increase, the cost for recycling services would still only be approximately 30 percent of equivalent trash services. Therefore, businesses can still control their disposal costs by recycling. The proposed rates for business sector trash and recycling services is printed on the other side of this letter for your reference.

A public hearing on the proposed fee adjustment is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the City Council meeting. For more information on the date and time of this meeting, please visit http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Council/CAP/ or contact the City Clerk at (805) 564-5309. For more information and assistance to establish or improve a recycling program at your business, feel free to contact Environmental Services at (805) 564-5631.

If you oppose any of the above increases, please deliver your protest in writing, including your name and service address, to the City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to or during the City Council's consideration of this item on September 13, 2011. If you wish to submit your protest during the public hearing, please deliver it to City Staff in the Council Chamber.

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
MONTHLY FRANCHISE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES
PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2011

Business Collection Services-Monthly Rates

Container Type			Number of Collections per Week							Extra Pickup
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(per cont.)
Trash	32 gallon	Can	$21.00	$42.00	$63.00	$84.00	$105.00	$126.00	$147.00	$5.78
Trash	32 gallon	Cart	$21.00	$42.00	$63.00	$84.00	$105.00	$126.00	$147.00	$5.78
Trash	64 gallon	Cart	$40.95	$81.90	$122.85	$163.80	$204.75	$245.70	$286.65	$11.26
Trash	96 gallon	Cart	$60.89	$121.78	$182.67	$243.56	$304.45	$365.34	$426.23	$16.74
Trash	1.5 cubic yard	Dumpster	$111.70	$234.57	$357.44	$480.31	$603.18	$726.05	$848.92	$30.72
Trash	2 cubic yard	Dumpster	$148.72	$312.31	$475.90	$639.50	$803.09	$966.68	$1,130.27	$40.90
Trash	3 cubic yard	Dumpster	$222.78	$467.84	$712.90	$957.95	$1,203.01	$1,448.07	$1,693.13	$61.26
Trash	4 cubic yard	Dumpster	$296.83	$623.34	$949.86	$1,276.37	$1,602.88	$1,929.40	$2,255.91	$81.63
Trash Compacted	1.5 cubic yard	Dumpster	$333.86	$701.11	$1,068.35	$1,435.60	$1,802.84	$2,170.09	$2,537.34	$91.81
Trash Compacted	2 cubic yard	Dumpster	$444.94	$934.37	$1,423.81	$1,913.24	$2,402.68	$2,892.11	$3,381.54	$122.36
Trash Compacted	3 cubic yard	Dumpster	$667.10	$1,400.91	$2,134.72	$2,868.53	$3,602.34	$4,336.15	$5,069.96	$183.45
Recycling	32 gallon	Can	$3.48	$6.96	$10.44	$13.92	$17.40	$20.88	$24.36	$0.96
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Recycling	64 gallon	Cart	$6.96	$13.92	$20.88	$27.84	$34.80	$41.76	$48.72	$1.91
Recycling	96 gallon	Cart	$10.44	$20.88	$31.32	$41.76	$52.20	$62.64	$73.08	$2.87
Recycling	1.5 cubic yard	Dumpster	$34.23	$71.88	$109.54	$147.19	$184.84	$222.50	$260.15	$9.41
Recycling	2 cubic yard	Dumpster	$45.57	$95.70	$145.82	$195.95	$246.08	$296.21	$346.33	$12.53
Recycling	3 cubic yard	Dumpster	$68.27	$143.37	$218.46	$293.56	$368.66	$443.76	$518.85	$18.77
Recycling	4 cubic yard	Dumpster	$90.96	$191.02	$291.07	$391.13	$491.18	$591.24	$691.30	$25.01
Greenwaste	32 gallon	Can	$3.48	$6.96	$10.44	$13.92	$17.40	$20.88	$24.36	$0.96
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Foodscraps	32 gallon	Cart	$3.48	$6.96	$10.44	$13.92	$17.40	$20.88	$24.36	$0.96
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Foodscraps	4 cubic yard	Dumpster	$90.96	$191.02	$291.07	$391.13	$491.18	$591.24	$691.30	$25.01