

December 3, 2025

Mr. Tom Huetter
Harbor Environmental & Safety
5800 Evergreen Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

RE: HAULED WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE

Dear Mr. Huetter:

The City of Springfield is proposing increases to hauled waste rates and wastewater rates starting on July 1, 2026. The following is a summary of the proposed rates and a brief explanation.

The City of Springfield's two treatment plants, the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWTP) and the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (NWTP), receive waste directly transported from various locations in Springfield and the surrounding region. The City of Springfield's Municipal Code Chapter 120-76 allows the City to collect the cost for handling and treating hauled wastes from permitted haulers. Charges for hauled waste disposal services have remained unchanged since 2006, and we are proposing a series of rate increases necessary to recover the cost of treating these wastes, due to rising inflation, the increased cost of treatment, and the dramatic increase in hauled waste volume in recent years. We understand that some of these proposed rates represent a significant increase over the current rates. To reduce the impact, the City of Springfield is proposing to implement the rate increases over a three-year period to help businesses plan for the increase. Based on a cost-of-service analysis, the proposed rates for hauled waste are as follows:

Recommended Hauled Waste Rate Charges					
	Current (FY2026)	Proposed (FY2027) Effective 7/1/2026	Proposed (FY2028) Effective 7/1/2027	Proposed (FY2029) Effective 7/1/2028	Extra Charge Applies
Septage (per gallon)	\$0.024	\$0.028	\$0.032	\$0.037	No
Non-residential (per gallon)	\$0.024	\$0.028	\$0.032	\$0.037	Yes
Leachate (per gallon)	\$0.010	\$0.013	\$0.017	\$0.021	Yes
FOG (per gallon)	\$0.062	\$0.068	\$0.076	\$0.085	No
Industrial / High Strength Waste (per gallon)	\$0.062	\$0.068	\$0.076	\$0.085	No
Municipal Sludge (per gallon)	\$0.024	\$0.046	\$0.070	\$0.095	No
Petroleum Contaminated (per gallon)	\$0.024	\$0.032	\$0.041	\$0.051	No
High Grit (per gallon)	\$0.024	\$0.032	\$0.041	\$0.051	No

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Also, an extra charge may apply for higher levels of pollutants as shown in the table below. Both the existing BOD and TSS extra charges are proposed to increase in line with Springfield's retail rates, and the City is proposing to add two new extra charges. The extra charges, as defined in Chapter 120-247, are summarized in the following table:

Recommended Wastewater Rate Extra Charges		
	Current (FY 2026)	Proposed (FY 2027) Effective 7/1/2026
BOD Extra Charge (per each 100 cubic feet per pound in excess of 1.60 pounds)	\$0.390	\$0.402
TSS Extra Charge (per each 100 cubic feet per pound in excess of 1.90 pounds)	\$0.165	\$0.170
Ammonia Extra Charge (per each 100 cubic feet per pound in excess of 0.1875 pounds)	-	\$1.00 (New)
Total Phosphorous Extra Charge (per each 100 cubic feet per pound in excess of 0.0625 pounds)	-	\$4.00 (New)

In addition, the City is recommending that hauled waste landfill leachate from outside our service area be phased out due to increasing regulatory requirements, rising treatment costs, and the growing risks associated with managing high strength waste streams. Landfill leachate contains elevated levels of ammonia, nitrogen, and PFAS, all of which carry significant compliance challenges as new nutrient and water quality standards take effect. The City of Springfield will **cease to accept hauled landfill leachate after December 31, 2028**. The proposed hauled waste rates listed above will be in place until this time.

The Department of Environmental Services presented these recommended rates to City of Springfield City Council on November 18, 2025. A video of this presentation can be found at <https://www.springfieldmo.gov/1730/View>. Throughout the winter, the Department will work with stakeholders to answer any questions about the new rates and gather any feedback. In February 2026, a bill will be presented to City Council that will propose to ratify the recommended rate structure, with the first increase effective July 1, 2026.

The City of Springfield appreciates the important role our hauled waste customers play in supporting the region's wastewater system. We recognize that the recommended rate increases represent a real cost for your business, and we do not take that impact lightly. We value open communication and welcome any questions you may have as you review the proposed changes.

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