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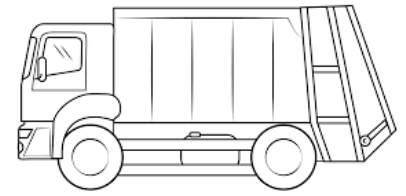
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PROJECTED SANITATION RATE INCREASE

As everyone is aware, costs are rising. This includes costs that the City must pay to do business.

The City Council is in the process of considering a rate increase in our Sanitation (Trash) Fund. This increase is due to rising costs of doing business. These costs include equipment, maintenance, supplies and other fees for maintaining our Sanitation Fund.

In 2019, the City purchased a new trash truck for approximately \$265,000. We have budgeted for the purchase of a new trash truck in 2024, with an anticipated purchase price of \$425,000. This is an increase of 60% in the cost of purchasing a trash truck in the last five years. The cost of 300 gallon trash containers also has increased by the same percentage. In 2018 we purchased 300 gallon containers for \$259 each and in 2023 we purchased containers for \$399 each.



The City picks up trash on a regular basis. The trash truck is used at least 5 days a week for approximately 35 hours each week. This amounts to a total of 1,820 hours of use on the trash truck each year. If the City is closed on a holiday then we use a back up truck and have 2 trucks to pick up trash. We use approximately 8000 gallons of fuel in the trucks for a year. This amounted to a total of \$28,871 in 2023.

Recycling is another service provided by the City. The City offers paper, aluminum, plastic, glass, electronics and cardboard recycling at the recycling building, located north of the Ambulance barn. The City pays fees to have these items removed from the City and recycled properly.

If you have any questions or ideas about our trash and recycling services, please reach out to City Hall or your City Council members.

WATER METER PITS



As we strive to provide efficient and reliable water services to our community, we would like to bring your attention to an important aspect of our system – the water meters.

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WATER METER PITS (CONTINUED)

The water meters installed by the City of Yuma play a crucial role in monitoring water usage for each home and business. They enable us to accurately charge for water which provides revenue that supports our commitment to providing clean and safe water for all our customers.

From time to time, we find that our customers access the meter pit – the underground vessel housing the water meters – to manually turn on or turn off their water service. We want to emphasize that these meter pits are not designed for public use. Unfortunately, improper operation of the valves within the meter pit can lead to significant damage, incurring repair costs amounting to thousands of dollars.

In the interest of preserving the integrity of our water infrastructure and avoiding unnecessary expenses, we kindly request that you refrain from accessing the meter pit. Instead, allow our dedicated City Water Department staff to handle any water service adjustments. They are more than willing to assist you with turning water on or off as needed.

It's important to note that property owners who grant access to the meter pit and cause damage will be held responsible for the associated repair costs. By working together to protect these vital components of our water system, we can ensure the continued provision of high-quality water services to our community.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our City Water Department.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Property owners are reminded of their responsibility to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Many members of our community highly value the ability to walk their neighborhoods, business areas, and have accessible routes. People with disabilities, who don't drive, primarily rely on sidewalks and other pedestrian rights of way to access our community. Therefore, it is crucial that sidewalks and curb cuts are kept clear. Ignoring snow removal poses safety hazards, especially when conditions lead to a layer of ice.

Citizens are also encouraged to utilize off-street parking during snow storms. Cars parked on the roadway during snow plowing operations limit the ability to effectively plow the street which can lead to prolonged ice build-up.

Ordinance 12.20.010 states that it is unlawful for any owner or occupant of any lot, block, or parcel of ground within the City, or for any agent in charge of such property, to allow any snow or ice to accumulate or remain upon any sidewalk adjoining such property longer than 24 hrs from the time of last accumulation of such snow or ice.

Please place the snow in your parkway or yard and not within the roadway. Colorado law prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or other placement of snow onto public roadways, including the ditch and right of way area along side the roadway.



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