

E.M.R., Inc.

"Eastern Maine Recycling"

Recycling and Solid Waste Management

TO: Carol Walsh, Trenton Town Manager

FROM: Ben C. Worcester, III

DATE: June 9, 2022

Re: Recycling

In the late fall of 2021 EMR had discussions with Casella, Old Town, to deliver single sort recyclables to Casella in Old Town. Casella's recycling fee at that time was \$75.00/ton at Old Town. EMR has proposed to begin a single sort recycling program to its member towns. When EMR delivered its first recycle load in March the recycle fee had risen to \$150.00/ton.

Because fuel prices have been extremely volatile. EMR has decided to reduce the Transportation Fee by its cost of fuel and added a separate Fuel Charge Fee. See note 2 below. This is what we do with your MSW contract.

In my discussions with Michael Gilmartin, I told him that this recycling proposal is not an amendment to our MSW Contract. The Town of Trenton may cancel this project at any time. It is my understanding that the Town has raised \$12,000.00 for the 2022/23 fiscal year for this project.

EMR is prepared to offer the following recycling program: An individually designated area of the SWH Facility has been reserved for the collection and storage of Single Sort Recyclable Items. Collection containers for the off-loading of Single Sort Recyclable Items are located in the recycling center but are accessed by the public from the outside of the recycling center from the parking lot. On an as-full basis, the collection containers will be weighed on a platform scale and a scale ticket will be prepared that indicates the Town of origin, the type of material (single sort recyclable items), the gross, tare, and net weights. When the collection containers are full, they will be emptied into a 50 cubic yard roll-off container. When a sufficient quantity of Single Sort Recyclable Items has been processed the Single Sort Recyclable Items will then be transported to Casella, Old Town. Casella presently charges \$150.00/ton. EMR will in turn charge the current Casella recycling fee to member Town. Additional transportation and processing fees are noted below.

Single Sort Recyclable Items shall conform to the acceptable recycling guidelines of the recycling processing center; however, the following items are generally acceptable recycle items.

Cardboard, boxboard, newspaper, magazine, residential mail, and containers a gallon or less (aluminum, bi-metallic, ferrous, HDPE natural and colored, PETE and other plastic containers).

Payment: It is agreed that the Town will pay the contractor the rates stated below:

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| 1. TN Recycle Fee | \$800.00/month |
| 2. Recycling Processing Center Fee (Current) | 150.00/ton |
| 3. Transportation Fee | 430.00/trip |
| 4. Fuel Charge Fee | (see Note 2) |

Note: The Transportation Fee, Recycling Processing Center Fee and Fuel Charge Fee will be apportioned between the participating towns based on the total recycling tonnage received at the SWH Facility.

Note 2: EMR has removed \$80.00 from its original quoted Transportation Fee.

Each month the fuel charge shall be calculated per load in accordance with the following formula. The diesel fuel price per gallon for "US On-Road Diesel Fuel Price" as published for the last week of the previous month by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the Department of Energy for the month (currently \$6.226/gallon) X 30 gallons = \$186.78.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

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