

VALPARAISO CITY SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 25, 2022

Dear Resident:

The Valparaiso City Services Department of Public Works has been providing trash and recycling services to the Valparaiso Community for many years and is known in the Midwest as being a proactive leader among its peer cities. Providing safe, reliable and uninterrupted trash and recycling collection services to our customers is of the utmost importance to us.

Municipal trash and recycling operations have many components and costs. Since the City of Valparaiso's establishment of a \$12.00 monthly residential collection service rate in 2012, the costs for providing these services to our community have increased significantly over the past ten (10) years. This incremental increase in costs over the past decade are the result of rising prices for fuel, equipment, staffing, additional environmental regulation and landfill disposal fees.

To ensure a continuous quality of collection services, a proposed rate increase for these services will soon be considered by the Valparaiso City Common Council. Before establishing this rate increase, Valparaiso City Services conducted a thorough review of our operations and efficiencies while comparing our rates to neighboring communities in Northwest Indiana. The new rate will make future trash and recycling collections sustainable for our community while still keeping our rates well below the regional average.

Included within this letter you will find frequently asked questions that includes a timeline of public hearings and the proposed trash and recycling rate schedule for consideration.

Residents can call us with their questions or comments regarding this proposed rate increase at our new Customer Service Center with a single telephone number at (219) 462-6174 or visit us online at Valpo.us.

For more details, please visit <https://www.ci.valparaiso.in.us/163/City-Services---Public-Works-Division>.

Sincerely,

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