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Please see my attached testimony. Please reject the suggest rate increases.

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Sent via email to: cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net, citycouncil@cityofsalem.net

Dear Salem City Council,

I am requesting that at the very least you postpone a decision on raising the garbage rates, if not outright reject them. Here are the following reasons:

-While the rate increase has been in the works for months, info on the increase was only made available to the public on Thursday November 8, 2018, at 5:00 PM. With the holiday yesterday, that left only one and a half days for the public to ask questions of city staff.

-The rate hike requested is higher than the projected rate of inflation for 2018: 1.9%. Source: <https://www.thebalance.com/u-s-inflation-rate-history-by-year-and-forecast-3306093>

-That 34% fuel cost increase in 2018? It has only been 21%, and that is a projected amount. Source for data: <https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/WPU057303>

Actual cost December 2017: 223.8

Projected cost as of October 2018: 271.1

Increase: 21.1%

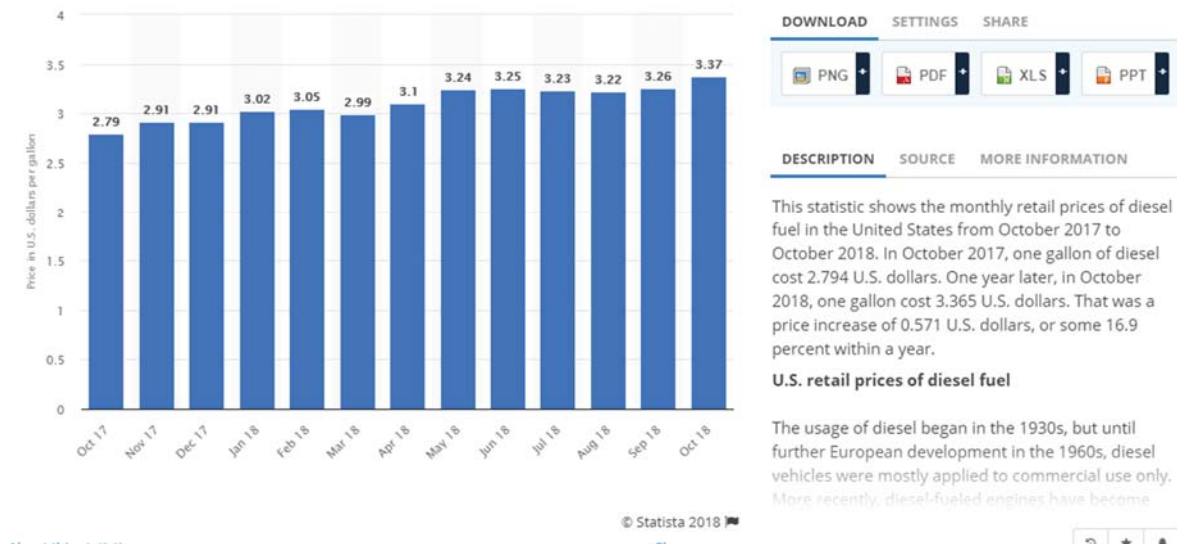
When you compare it to the actual data:

December 2017 2.79

October 2018 3.37

Increase: 15.8%

Monthly retail prices of diesel fuel in the United States from October 2017 to October 2018 (in U.S. dollars per gallon)



-The rate data for other municipalities is significant reduced from 2017. Look at the rate data here for 2018:

<https://salem.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3725048&GUID=40E51E1F-96B1-45BA-B21F-71C32B808248&Options=&Search=>

Then in 2017:

Exhibit D

COMPARATIVE RATE SUMMARY

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>+Disp./Rent</u>					<u>Fran</u>	<u>Recyl.</u>	<u>YdD</u>	<u>Fee</u>
	<u>20G</u>	<u>35 G.</u>	<u>65 G.</u>	<u>95 G.</u>	<u>2 Yd.</u>	<u>20Yd.DB</u>			
CITIES									
Albany	15.82	18.36	n/a	28.90	142.01	200.19	Weekly	EOW	6%
Beaverton	22.05	25.20	38.85	45.15	147.56	131.00	Weekly	Weekly	4/5% ¹
Corvallis	18.19	20.28	26.97	33.71	142.57	194.71	Weekly	EOW	5%
Dallas	16.15	17.70	n/a	28.65	147.10	199.35	EOW	EOW	7%
Eugene ²	11.80	21.50	38.65	48.15	142.45	135.00	EOW	EOW	2.5/6% ²
Gresham	25.91	29.69	38.99	43.61	156.02	129.47	Weekly	Weekly	8.9% ³
Hillsboro	19.10	22.85	32.85	42.65	135.44	127.00	EOW	EOW	3%
Independence	n/a	22.19	29.66	37.70	118.83	139.44	EOW	n/a	7%
Keizer ⁴	20.27	22.52	30.77	n/a	129.27	134.12	EOW	Weekly	5%
Medford ⁵	n/a	19.08	31.98	44.88	166.54	391.51 ⁶	EOW	EOW\$7.28	6%
Monmouth	n/a	22.19	29.66	37.70	118.83	139.44	EOW	EOW	7%
Salem-Mar. ⁴	22.85	25.85	34.25	n/a	126.20	410.85 ⁶	EOW	Weekly	7%
Salem-M pro.	23.55	26.65	35.30	n/a	126.20	410.85			
Salem-Polk ⁴	20.10	20.40	25.40	n/a	87.95	139.95	EOW	Weekly	7%
Salem-P pro.	18.10	20.65	25.40	n/a	91.20	139.95			
Silverton	23.42	29.10	36.09	38.61	182.25	148.60	EOW	Weekly	5%
Springfield	11.95	17.00	24.75	31.60	178.85	127.60	EOW	EOW ⁷	7%
Stayton	23.30	27.40	37.30	41.80	172.70	169.80	EOW	Weekly	5%
Wilsonville	20.00	26.37	34.60	n/a	175.22	116.00	Weekly	Weekly	3%
Woodburn	22.92	26.12	37.03	41.88	178.72	168.91	EOW	Weekly	5%
MARION COUNTY									
Marion/U ⁴	23.05	25.30	33.65	n/a	133.90	143.40	EOW	Weekly	3%

The amount of cities & different categories has been reduced for 2018.

-The garbage haulers have significantly reduced our recycling options at their facilities. Some of this is not their fault because of what China accepts, but the total number of bins for cardboard recycling is down at my local hauler's facility.

-Limited work is being done to find homes for the recycling that China does not accept. Local options exist to accept some of this material, and the Salem Keizer haulers are not utilizing them.

& are not accepting new places to accept recycled materials.

Here is the bottom line, why are residents in Salem paying more for the same service than in Eugene?
Please reject the proposed increases.

Best regards,

Anne Wilson