

# City of Redlands



## Quality of Life Solid Waste Rate Q&A

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## **Question #1** - Why is the City not promoting our 60-gallon residential containers more aggressively?

- The City's calculated state diversion rate was 62% for 2015
- Monthly rate for the 60-gallon container is slightly less than that for the 90-gallon (\$27.66 vs. \$28.58)

## **Question #2** - What is a reasonable Target Operating Reserve Amounts and What Should they be Used For?

- Target an Operating Reserve of 20% to cover unforeseen revenue shortfalls



## **Question #3** - Are senior discounts for collection services something that you have seen before? Are they legal?

- Senior rate discounts are not uncommon
- Blue curb service is provided

## **Question #4** – Organic rate consideration

- Commercial organic “cost of service” rates, generally between 50% and 75% of the associated solid waste rate for the same service volume

**Question #5** - It was proposed that the City have an additional rate or charge a fee for commercial generators that chose not to recycle. Have you seen other jurisdictions that impose an additional fee/fine for these generators? If so, what is it?

- That can be handled through a City Code or mandatory recycling or organics diversion ordinance with associated penalties for non-compliance



Questions?