



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HELENDALE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTINUATION OF COLLECTION OF REFUSE DISPOSAL LAND USE FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Helendale Community Services District (“the District”) is a Community Services District organized and operating pursuant to Government Code 61000 et seq.

WHEREAS, on or about December 4, 2006, the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of San Bernardino (“LAFCO”) adopted Resolution No. 2951 (“Resolution No. 2951”) which determined that the District is the successor agency to County Service Area 70, Improvement Zones B and C (“CSA 70 B&C”).

WHEREAS, Condition No. 10 of LAFCO Resolution No. 2951 expressly states that “[a]ll previously authorized charges, fees, assessments, and/or taxes of [CSA 70 B&C] currently in effect shall be continued and assumed by the [District] as the successor agency in the same manner as provided in the original authorization pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 56886(t).”

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56886(t) provides that LAFCO Resolution No. 2951 contains the exclusive terms and conditions for the change of organization from CSA 70 B&C to the District as it relates to the “extension or continuation of any previously authorized charge, fee, assessment, or tax by [the District as the] successor local agency in the affected territory.”

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of LAFCO Resolution No. 2951, the territory within CSA 70 B&C was subject to a refuse disposal land use fee that had been fixed, levied, and imposed upon such lands by the County of San Bernardino (“the County”) pursuant to the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Division 30 of the California Public Resources Code) (“the Act”) in order to discourage illegal dumping and to offset the cost of disposal of waste from the Helendale community (the “Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee”).

WHEREAS, on or about June 21, 2006, LAFCO adopted Resolution No. 2927 (“Resolution No. 2927”) making determinations on and approving the incorporation of the District, which was subsequently approved by the electorate at the November 7, 2006, general election and confirmed by LAFCO pursuant to its adoption of Resolution No. 2951.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2927 and Resolution No. 2951 authorize the District to collect,

transfer, and dispose of solid waste and provide solid waste handling service, including, but not limited to, source reduction, recycling, composting activities, pursuant to Division 30 (commencing with Section 40000), and consistent with Section 41821.2 of the Public Resources Code.

WHEREAS, on or about July 21, 2010, LAFCO adopted Resolution No. 3099 (“Resolution No. 3099”) affirming the District’s authorization to (1) collect, transfer and dispose of solid waste and provide solid waste handling service, and (2) continue and assume the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee in the same manner as provided in the original County authorization, pursuant to Condition No. 10 of Resolution No 2927 and Resolution No. 2951.

WHEREAS, on or about November 16, 2010, the District and the County entered into a Solid Waste Fee Transfer Agreement (“Fee Transfer Agreement”) to provide for the terms and conditions under which the District will continue and assume the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the legal authority set forth above, the District is authorized to fix before August 10 of any given year a Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee on residential parcels within its jurisdiction entitling the owners of such parcels to utilize refuse disposal sites without the payment of any pay-at-the gate fee for ordinary refuse generated on such residential property.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the legal authority set forth above, the District’s Board of Directors (“the Board”) may establish the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee according to San Bernardino County Assessor’s Land Use Codes, and the benefit derived or to be derived from the use of solid waste facilities or services for ordinary refuse (excluding demolition waste, tires, and hard to handle and special handling items) generated on the parcel of property for which the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee is paid.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to continue, extend, and assume all previously authorized Refuse Disposal Land Use Fees that had been fixed, levied, and imposed upon lands within the jurisdictional boundary of the District.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fee Transfer Agreement, the County adopted a fee ordinance effective July 1, 2011, which excluded the areas within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District from assessment by the County of the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee.

WHEREAS, beginning on or about July 20, 2023, the District published a Notice of Public Hearing concerning the Board’s intent to adopt the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fees for 2023-2024 in a newspaper of general circulation within the District once a week for two successive weeks pursuant to the Act and Government Code Section 6066.

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the District offices located at 26540 Vista Road, Suite C, Helendale, California, the Board held a public protest hearing to hear and consider any and all objections or protests regarding the imposition of the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee, which hearing was duly conducted in the manner set forth by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Helendale Community

Services District as follows:

1. The public interest and necessity requires the Board to adopt this Resolution hereby fixing, levying, imposing, and collecting a Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee on all properties within the District's jurisdictional boundaries in accordance with, and in the amounts set forth in, Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, pursuant to applicable law, including but not limited to the pertinent provisions of the Act, Government Code Section 56886(t), LAFCO Resolution Nos. 2927, 2951, and 3099, and the Fee Transfer Agreement.

2. The Refuse Disposal Land Use Fees hereby levied by the Board are a continuation of the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fees previously charged by the County that have been transferred to the District in accordance with the Fee Transfer Agreement and LAFCO Resolution Nos. 2927, 2951, and 3099 granting the District the active power and authority for refuse collection as the successor agency.

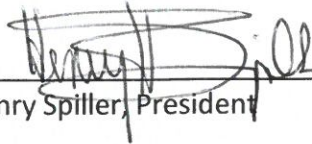
3. The Refuse Disposal Land Use Fees hereby adopted meet the definition of the exception of a tax as defined in Proposition 26 passed November 3, 2010, and amending Article XIII C of the California Constitution. The exceptions met by this fee are: (a) a charge imposed for the specific benefit conferred or privilege granted directly to the payer that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of conferring the benefit or granting the privilege; (b) a charge imposed for a specific government service or product provided directly to the payer that is not provided to those not charged and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of providing the service or product; and/or (c) a charge imposed for the entrance to our use of local government property, or the purchase, rental, or lease of local government property. The District has examined the impact of Proposition 26 on fees for solid waste disposal services and has concluded the three exceptions discussed above are applicable and do not violate Proposition 26.

4. The Board hereby authorizes the District's General Manager to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of the Board as set forth herein, and to cause the Refuse Disposal Land Use Fees fixed and established herein to be collected at the same time, and in the same manner, as the levying of special assessments on the 2023-24 San Bernardino County Tax Roll, and/or to be otherwise collected in accordance with all legally-permissible methods available under applicable law.

5. If any Refuse Disposal Land Use Fee hereby adopted becomes delinquent, the amount of the delinquency, together with any interest and penalties thereon, shall constitute a lien on the affected property to the fullest extent legally allowable under applicable law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of August 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

By: 
Henry Spiller, President

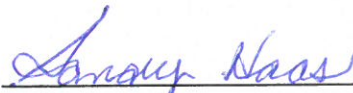
ATTEST: 
Sandy Haas, Secretary

Exhibit A

<u>USE CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FEES</u>
0510	Single Family Residence (suitable for permanent use)	\$ 85.14
0511	Recreation Cabin (unsuitable for permanent use)	\$ 42.57
0520	Mobile home on fee land, not in a subdivision	\$ 85.14
0525	Mobile home on fee land, in a subdivision	\$ 85.14
0526	Mobile home on a permanent foundation	\$ 85.14
0533	Time share	\$ 85.14
0534	Attached single-family residence (common wall)	\$ 85.14
0535	Zero lot line single-family residence	\$ 85.14
0599	Miscellaneous residential structure	\$ 85.14
0600	Two single-family residences	\$ 170.28
0601	Three single-family residences	\$ 255.42
0602	Four single-family residences	\$ 340.56
0603	Duplex	\$ 170.28
0604	Triplex	\$ 255.42
0605	Quad	\$ 340.56
0610	Multi single-family residence (5 to 14 units)	\$ 425.70
9999	No services provided	\$ 0.00