

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Economic Impact Statement Regarding

Proposed Rule Allowing Payment for Solid Waste Coupons by Cash, Credit Card or Debit Card With Surcharge and Method for Determining Surcharge

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District provides to those constituents of the District who desire them coupons which allow a household to dispose of solid waste at the Republic Services Landfill located in Bauxite, Arkansas, once on each of two days per year without being required to pay any “tipping fee” or gate charge for access to the landfill facility. The District assesses a charge of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for issuance of the two coupons.

In 2017, the District issued a total of 6,080 solid waste coupons which represents an aggregate savings to the constituents of the District of approximately \$235,000.00 compared to the retail charge made for use of the landfill facility.

Adoption of this proposed rule would allow constituents to pay for the issuance of coupons with cash or with credit cards or debit cards. The rule would impose a surcharge for use of credit cards or debit cards in an amount determined by the District which will result in the District being reimbursed for the actual cost incurred by the District for accepting payment by credit cards and debit cards. The intent is that the surcharge per transaction will not exceed the average cost per transaction that the District incurs for accepting payment by credit cards and debit cards. The District estimates that the surcharge will be Two Dollars (\$2.00) or less per transaction. It is unknown how many constituents will choose to pay by credit card or debit card rather than paying cash. The choice of manner of payment will be solely that of the constituent purchasing the solid waste coupons.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of the Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District intends to adopt a rule amending its prior rules and continuing the Five Dollar (\$5.00) fee and eligibility requirements for issuance to households desiring the same of coupons for disposal of household waste at the Republic Services Landfill located on Sardis Road, Bauxite, Arkansas, up to two (2) days per year without paying gate charges or tipping fees; authorizing payment for coupons by credit card or debit card, and establishing an administrative convenience fee for such card payment. Copies of the proposed rule and related documents may be examined at the offices of the District at 114 West Sevier Street, Benton, Arkansas 72015 during normal business hours.

Any interested person may present his or her position on the intended action of the District or on the issues related to the intended action of the District in writing delivered to the offices of the District prior to Wednesday, February 21, 2018, or in person at a Public Hearing which will be conducted at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at the Saline County Office of Emergency Management Building, 102 West South Street, Benton, Arkansas.