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CMWRRDD Transfer Station and Carver Beach Sticker Notice

As part of the Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District (CMWRRDD) reorganization and recovery plan, the 2019 Beach/Transfer Sticker fees for Carver will increase to an annual fee of \$50/year. Discounts for senior 65 and older will be \$25/year. This increase is due to factors beyond our control including: historical mismanagement, changes in the marketplace. These increases must be passed on to Carver, Marion & Wareham who are the users of the transfer stations in Rochester & in Marion. These expenses are not in the Town Budget funded by taxpayers as they are user charges. It is important to note that for several decades the three towns have received free garbage disposal as a result of the agreement with Semass/Covanta. Unfortunately, the independent CMWRRDD agency did not properly manage their finances resulting in the Towns taking the CMWRRDD back over in late 2017. Significant management changes have been made & the new Board of Directors now have direct oversight over the operations and financials of the CMWRRDD. The driving factors for this increase are:

- Costs are increasing, and Covanta revenue will be eliminated.
 - Recycling is at an all-time low in prices and in many cases, we now have to pay to dispose of plastic, glass, and other recyclables as if they were garbage, and sometimes at the same rate compared to when we could sell recyclables to subsidize the trash disposal cost.
 - Increased costs of equipment, labor / overtime, and fees
- Recovery costs from the mismanaged District in past years including legal fees and forensic audit.
- Inappropriate dumping and abuse of transfer station by contractors and people outside the three towns that acquired illegal stickers.

This increase is a necessary part of the long-term strategy for continuing to offer Carver, Marion, and Wareham residents a viable alternative to private residential household trash disposal. These necessary rate increases are only for the use of the CMWRRDD. Private curb-side garbage pickup paid directly by Carver residents is solely up to residents and these changes will have not no impact on any private services.

There will be new policies issued by the Board of Health. Only residential household trash from Carver residents will be allowed. Residents will be required to provide both a current license and registration in order to obtain a sticker. The new policy detailing all rules and regulations is available at: <https://www.carverma.gov/board-health>. Please note, the new board members of the CMWRRDD recognize the situation the three towns find us all in is disappointing. However, the new board has taken control back of the CMWRRDD, pursuing all legal remedies, and is exploring long-term options that are in the financial best interest of all residents. However, we must make changes, and we thank you for your patience.

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