

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Department: Solid Waste

Requested Agenda Date: 01/06/2026

Presenting: David Haws

Document Title:

Discussion to authorize the Public Services - Solid Waste Division to bring forward a resolution to round cash disposal transactions to the nearest \$0.05.

Action Requested: Check Applicable Box

- ☒ PASS RESOLUTION ☐ EXECUTE or AMEND **AGREEMENT** CONTRACT or GRANT
☐ ISSUE PROCLAMATION ☐ PASS ORDINANCE ☐ OTHER _____

Describe Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact will be realized through this resolution.

Background Information:

With the Federal Gov'ts elimination of penny minting Effective January 6, 2026, local banks have significantly restricted the availability of pennies. This has severely limited the Solid Waste Division's ability to make correct change at the Landfill scale house facilities for cash transactions.

Summary & Recommendation:

Rounding cash transactions to the nearest \$0.05 would eliminate dependence on increasingly unavailable coinage, streamline scale transactions and reduce delays and administrative burden with obtaining and managing pennies.

Motion:

Staff recommends approval for Solid Waste to round cash transactions to nearest \$0.05.

Department Head/ Elected Official


Signature

AGREEMENT Attached Is Approved as to Form
Corporate Counsel Initial _____

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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

☐ Consent

☐ Regular

Board of County Commissioners Determined

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY)
COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC)
SERVICES – SOLID WASTE DIVISION TO ROUND)
CASH DISPOSAL TRANSACTIONS TO THE)
NEAREST \$0.05.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is responsible for establishing policies that ensure the efficient, equitable, and fiscally responsible operation of County services; and

WHEREAS, The Public Services Department – Solid Waste Division (“Solid Waste Division”) operates landfill scale house facilities that accept cash payments for disposal transactions; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has announced the elimination of penny minting, effective January 6, 2026, resulting in a significant reduction in the availability of pennies through local financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, Local banks have substantially restricted or eliminated the distribution of pennies, which has materially limited the Solid Waste Division’s ability to maintain sufficient coinage to provide exact change for cash transactions at landfill scale houses; and

WHEREAS, The continued dependence on pennies for making exact change has caused operational inefficiencies, transaction delays, and increased administrative burden associated with obtaining, storing, and managing increasingly unavailable coinage; and

WHEREAS, Rounding cash disposal transactions to the nearest five cents (\$0.05) is a widely accepted practice in jurisdictions where penny availability has been reduced or eliminated, and such rounding would apply **only to cash transactions**, with no impact to non-cash payments; and

WHEREAS, Rounding cash transactions to the nearest \$0.05 would eliminate reliance on pennies, streamline scale house operations, reduce delays, and improve overall customer service while maintaining fairness and transparency; and

WHEREAS, Staff has recommended approval of this operational change to address the current and anticipated constraints associated with penny availability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Authorization.

The Board hereby authorizes the Public Services Department – Solid Waste Division to implement rounding of **cash disposal transactions only** to the nearest five cents (\$0.05) at landfill scale house facilities.

2. Rounding Methodology.

Cash transactions shall be rounded as follows:

- Amounts ending in \$0.01 or \$0.02 shall be rounded **down** to the nearest \$0.00;
- Amounts ending in \$0.03 or \$0.04 shall be rounded **up** to the nearest \$0.05;

- Amounts ending in \$0.06 or \$0.07 shall be rounded **down** to the nearest \$0.05;
 - Amounts ending in \$0.08 or \$0.09 shall be rounded **up** to the nearest \$0.10.
3. **Non-Cash Transactions Unaffected.**
This rounding policy shall apply exclusively to cash transactions. Transactions paid by check, credit card, debit card, or other non-cash methods shall continue to be charged at the exact calculated amount.
4. **Implementation and Notice.**
The Solid Waste Division is directed to implement this policy effective on or after January 6, 2026, and to provide appropriate public notice at scale houses and other relevant points of payment.
5. **Administrative Authority.**
The Public Services Director, or designee, is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including updates to procedures, signage, and internal controls.

ADOPTED this 6th day of January, 2026.

LaDon Linde, Chair

Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Julie Lawrence
Clerk of the Board
Commissioners

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner
Constituting the Board of County
for Yakima County, Washington