

WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WHATCOM COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 Grand Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038
JEFFREY M. MONSEN, P.E.
Director



EXHIBIT A

October 23, 1998

Mr. Ed Nikula
Sanitary Service Co
1001 Roeder Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Mr. Nikula,

We have reviewed your County Excise Tax Rate changes proposed for 1999, as per attached "1999 Projected Revenues and 1998 Catch-up" worksheet:

County Residential and Commercial	4.8 %
City of Bellingham Commercial	5.2 %
City of Bellingham Residential	3.7 %
City of Ferndale Residential/Commercial	4.4 %

The adjusted rates look like a reasonable estimate for meeting the goals of the County Ordinance, to bill your customers \$8.50 per ton of solid waste collected.

This has been a good time to review the past twelve months' activities, and to establish an annual review and adjustment process. We will continue to do such an annual review, in October of each year. This will help ensure that rates are as current as possible for the next year. It is okay, however, to adjust these rates more frequently than once a year, if you think it is needed.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Wolf, Accountant
Whatcom County Public Works

cc: Nasser Mansour
Penni Lemperes