

# Self Sustaining Trash Tag Calculations

## For FY26 Pricing - 7/1/25 Effective Date

### SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE

7.1.2 Fees: The Town shall fund trash program through a usage based fee. This fee shall be established by the Select Board in the Solid Waste and Recycling Rules, as may be amended from time to time, and shall be set at a level projected to cover all costs of trash collection, transportation and disposal.

DATA SET - based on 2024 actuals and FY26 pricing:

Annual Tonnage: 222.37 Tons  
Annual Trash Tags Redeemed:  $\approx 30,243$   
FY24 Hauler fee: \$2.30/bag  
Maine Waste to Energy FY25 disposal fee<sup>1</sup>: \$93.73/ton  
Estimated Administration and Oversight: \$2,500<sup>2</sup>

### SELF SUSTAINING CALCULATIONS:

Disposal costs - Maine Waste to Energy:  $222.37 \times \$93.73/\text{ton} = \$20,842.74$   
Hauler costs:  $30,243 \times \$2.30 = \$69,558.90$   
Administration and Oversight: = \$2,500  
TOTAL:  $\$92,901.64 \div 30,243 = \mathbf{\$3.07/\text{tag [ROUNDED TO \$3.00]}}$

*For administrative purposes recommend costs be rounded to nearest \$.25*

### NEXT STEPS per Solid Waste and Recycling Rules

Prior to enacting or amending the Solid Waste and Recycling Rules, the Select Board shall ... conduct a public hearing, with the text of said Rules or amendment to be posted on the Town's website at least 10 days prior to the public hearing. The Solid Waste and Recycling Rules shall be on file in the Town Office and published on the Town's website.

All fees pertaining to Solid Waste shall be set by the Select Board and may be amended from time to time.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on FY25 cost of \$91 plus estimated increase of 3% (contract allows for 2% - 4% based on CPI - as of 2/25 CPI is at 2.8%)

<sup>2</sup> Estimate to cover incidental costs, e.g. tag printing and oversight by Solid Waste Director