

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS;

I AM AGAINST GRANTING A RAISE OF GARBAGE RATES AS PROPOSED BY S. LAKE TAHOE REFUGE CO. FOR THE 1ST REASON BEING THAT I CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THEM ANY MORE THAN WHAT THEY ARE GETTING NOW. I WANT YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT I AM NOT, AND NEVER WILL BE WEALTHY. I AM SEMI-RETIRED DUE TO HEALTH REASONS. WITH THE MEAGER WAGES THAT EVERYONE GETS HERE IN LAKE TAHOE, MYSELF INCLUDED, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY REALLY NEED SUCH A RAISE. SURE THEY BUILT A NEW BUILDING ON RUTH STREET, IS THAT REASON ENOUGH TO RAISE OUR RATES AND CONTINUE TO RAISE THEM EVERY YEAR THAT THE OWNER SEES FIT? I DON'T THINK SO. CONSIDER THIS, THE OWNER, OF THE GARBAGE COMPANY TORE DOWN A BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT HOUSE IN TAHOE KEYS LAST YEAR WHEN IT WAS WELL WORTH 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS, AND REPLACED IT WITH ANOTHER HOUSE THAT IS WORTH IN THE NEIGHBOR HOOD OF APPROXIMATELY 4.5 MILLION TO 5.5 MILLION DOLLARS. IT DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL WELL TO ADD TO THE MANS WEALTH AT THE CITY'S EXPENSE. YES, HE IS A GOOD GUY AND A HARD WORKER, BUT SO AM I.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION,

A LOYAL TAXPAYER

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Placerville, California 95667-4103

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November 28, 2008

Re: Proposed Rate Increase for South Tahoe Refuse Company

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

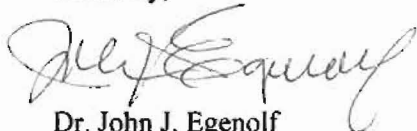
I cannot speak out strongly enough against a rate increase for The South Tahoe Refuse Co. As the law stands right now, a refuse collection fee is charged to the homeowner, whether the homeowner actually uses the service or not. I have a vacation home at 1432 Thunderbird Drive in South Lake Tahoe that I use about 6 weeks each year, yet I am obliged to pay for refuse removal for all 52 weeks. In other words relative to the service that I am actually using, I am already being over charged by 867%. There are many other people who are in the same situation as I am. If the South Tahoe Refuse Company cannot make a go of their business, when they already overcharge every single homeowner who isn't a permanent resident of South Lake Tahoe, for the service they render, then they need to consider whether they should continue to remain in business. No private enterprise that I know of can legally charge for a service that isn't used, only a government sponsored entity can do that and regardless of the good intentions, in my opinion it is completely immoral.

Perhaps you should let the company charge a higher rate for their service, but then only for their service that is actually being used by a customer; for goodness sakes excuse the homeowners who are not using the service from having to pay for an increase when the service isn't actually being used. It simply isn't right to charge them for it!

If it were up to me, I would opt out of residential refuse removal completely, if I were not obligated by law to have it. I would simply haul my trash cans down to the Ruth Avenue disposal site and pay for the few cans that I need to have disposed of, over the course of the year. That is what I used to do and it is what I should still be allowed to do. If other homeowners leave trash around illegally, then penalize them for that, not other homeowners.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

We are in receipt of the latest notice of rate increases for the South Tahoe Refuse Company, and we feel compelled to once again raise an issue that we have questioned for over 20 years to no avail.

We own a cabin in the Meyers/Tahoe Paradise area. The cabin is nearly 50 years old, and is literally boarded up between September and June each year. Due to its age, lack of adequate insulation, etc., it is not inhabitable most of the year, and is truly a summer cabin. Do you see where this is going? Nine months of the year, NO refuse is collected at the Bakersfield property, and worse, when we use the cabin in June, July and August, we generally take our refuse home to Placerville so that our garbage is not strewn about the Tahoe neighborhood by roaming animals. In spite of this non-use of South Tahoe Refuse Company, we are REQUIRED to pay nearly \$300.00 per year (\$285.48 last year) for NO services rendered. We have lived in four different states and have never been billed for services not utilized. How is it that Lake Tahoe finds this collection of money permissible and legal? Even in Placerville, should we choose not to have garbage service, we would not be charged for it.

It is egregious and a glaring abuse of Tahoe's seasonal property owners that the South Tahoe Refuse Company is allowed to collect unearned money in this manner. In every other realm, this would be called theft.

We ask that the Board of Supervisors take the time to review not just rate increases but the reprehensible policy of fee collection from "customers" who do not use these services.

Sincerely,

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