



Memorandum

March 9, 2026

To: Mayor Lynn and Borough Assembly
CC: Steve Giesbrecht, Borough Manager
From: Aaron Marohl, Public Works Director *AM*
Re: Republic Services Contract Extension

The Borough's Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Transport and Disposal Agreement with Republic Services was renewed in September 2023. The renewal was for a 2-year contract term, with optional 1-year contract extensions at the Borough's discretion. The most recent renewal period ends in September 2026 and if we want to extend for another year, we need to let Republic know by no later than April 1st, 2026. Value of the one-year contract extension is expected to be between \$510,000 and \$550,000 depending on waste volume actually collected and shipped out.

My recommendation is to extend the contract for one year, for the following reasons:

- The last time we sought alternatives for waste shipment and disposal, the only proposal we got was significantly higher than what Republic quoted. By extending our contract now, we will lock in a rate of \$207.40/ton through Republic starting September 1st of 2026 and continuing through the end of August 2027. Finding a lower price than Republic is offering via the proposed contract extension is unlikely.
- The Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) is currently undertaking a large-scale study of solid waste management issues and potential solutions in Southeast Alaska. Upon conclusion of this regional study in late 2026 we should have a much better understanding of possible alternatives for the region. This will give us more information with which to make an educated decision on what the best options for solid waste management and disposal will be for Petersburg once our Republic contract has fully run its course.

For reference, I have attached the 2026 contract extension letter from Republic Services. I will be present at the March 16, 2026 meeting to answer any questions that you or the Assembly may have in regard to this issue. Thank you.

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Mr. Steve Giesbrecht
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Dear Steve,

Republic Services d.b.a. Regional Disposal Company, is pleased to provide the updated rates for municipal solid waste disposal, recycling and transportation to Petersburg (borough).

- The new rate for Municipal Solid Waste disposal will include a 30-ton container minimum, and per ton rate of \$207.40.
- The new rates for recycling will include a 30-ton container minimum, the recycling component rate will be \$75.06, and the recycling processing component rate will be \$74.48 in addition to a \$4,541.47 transport cost per container.
- Per the contract, Regional Disposal will continue to pass through to the borough Alaska Marine Lines' fuel recovery charges.
- These terms will be effective September 1, 2026 until August 31, 2027.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Petersburg and please contact David Hoffman if you have any additional questions.

Regional Disposal Company

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By: Ryan P Lawler
Ryan Lawler, Northwest Area President

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On behalf of Petersburg