

TOWN OF  
**QUEEN CREEK**  
ARIZONA

# Solid Waste Program Rate Schedule for 2013-2015

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## Establishment of Initial Rate:

- Rate set to cover all program costs
- Per the contract- the contractor is allowed an annual increase of up to 5% based on the Consumer Price Index
- Council elected not to have an annual increase in the user fees and directed staff to set a single rate for the first 3 years of the program
- The rate was based on the costs of the program including the contractor's annual allowable increase averaged over the three year period (\$15.41)



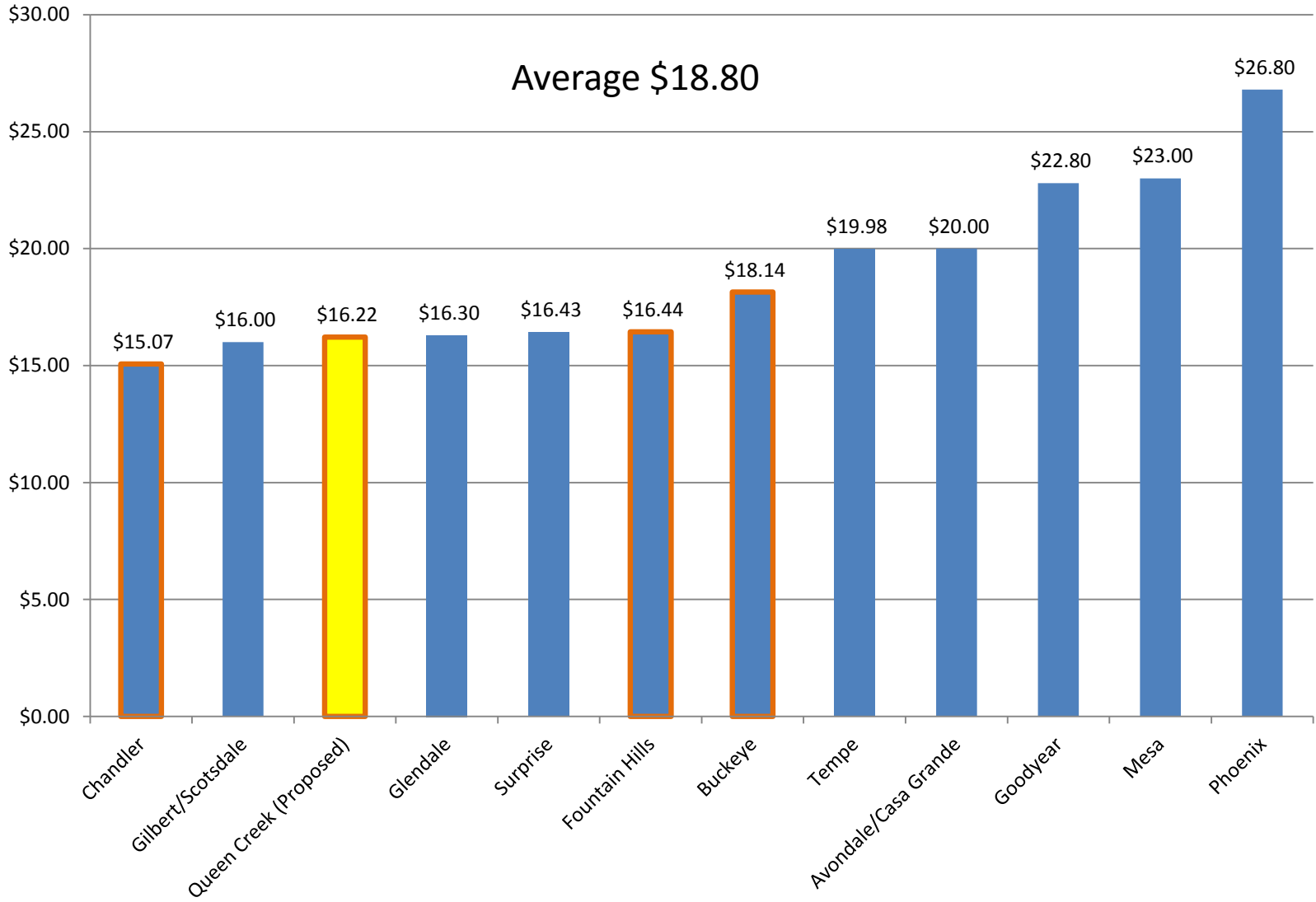
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## Recommended Rate for 2013-2015:

- Set user fee for the next two years at ~~\$16.49~~ **\$16.22**
  - Rate increase of ~~\$1.08~~ **\$.81** will address increased costs in the program:
    - Contractor's annual increase over the next two years
    - Offset a decrease in the recycling revenues
    - Establish an Operating Reserve Fund and allow for appropriate annual program contingency
    - Additional staff to account for program growth
      - Part-time Customer service
      - ~~Part-time Inspector~~ **Public Outreach /Education Rep**
- Continue Textile Program- No cost to the residents
- Continue HHW Program- No additional cost
- Effective ~~September 1, 2013~~ **October 1, 2013**



# Municipal Trash & Recycling Collection Monthly Rate Comparison 2012



# List of Services

- Same day collection trash/recycling
- Once a month bulk collection
- Special Events
  - Electronics
  - Christmas Tree Drop Off
  - Metals
  - Document Shredding
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Services
- Reduced Self-Haul Rate
- Textile Recycling



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Questions from June 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:

What is the Town's current diversion rate?

What diversion rate is attainable?

Would public Outreach and Education help us achieve a higher diversion rate?



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**-First of its kind- Curbside Textile Recycling Program-**

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Saturday, September 14, 2013, at The Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale



# Questions

