



Grant of Privilege for Private Solid Waste Haulers

The City of Fort Worth administers the Grant of Privilege (GOP) program to support solid waste services and help maintain city streets. Per [City Ordinance 12.5-850](#), a non-exclusive Grant of Privilege agreement and permits are required to haul solid waste, recycling, and organic materials when the collection and transport originate in the City of Fort Worth.

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the definition of a private solid waste hauler?**
A private solid waste hauler (Hauler) is a commercial company that collects and transports waste, recyclables, and organic materials for a fee. This service is provided independently and not as a public or municipal service.
- Who is required to obtain a GOP agreement?**
Haulers operating within Fort Worth city limits must obtain a Grant of Privilege agreement with the City and acquire a permit for each of their vehicles. This rule applies to businesses with vehicles that collect and transport solid waste, recycling, and organic materials.
- Is there a limit to the number of GOP agreements to operate in the City of Fort Worth?**
No. The City does not limit the number of permitted haulers. The program is non-exclusive, meaning multiple haulers may operate within city limits.
- What are the fees to enroll in the GOP Program?**
Application fee: \$25.00
Vehicle permit fees:
 - First vehicle permit fee is \$135.00
 - \$50.00 for each additional vehicle permit fee
- What paperwork is required to register as a GOP program hauler?**
Applicants must provide the following:
 - Completed [Grant of Privilege Application Request](#)
 - Vehicle List
 - Certificate of Insurance
 - [1295 Form](#) – Certificate of Interested Parties
- Why is Form 1295 required?**
In Texas, Form 1295 is required for certain government contracts to ensure transparency. Mandated by the Texas Government Code 2252.908, the form requires businesses to disclose anyone with a financial interest in the contract.
- When will the Grant of Privilege Agreement be received by the Hauler for signature?**
Once the application is reviewed, the agreement will be sent to the applicant for signature. Once signed by the Hauler, the request will be submitted to the City Council for authorization to execute the agreement at the next available City Council meeting.

- What is the quarterly fee for the Grant of Privilege program?**
Fort Worth requires waste haulers to pay a Grant of Privilege Hauler Fee (GOP Hauler Fee) of 10% of their gross revenue earned from operations within the city. Payments are due within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter: March, June, September, December.
- What revenues, fees, and surcharges must be reported as gross revenue?**
The GOP Hauler Fee applies to the collection and transport of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials generated within the City of Fort Worth. All revenues, fees, and surcharges related to hauling services performed within the City of Fort Worth must be included when reporting gross revenues. The following example revenues, fees and surcharges are included when reporting gross revenues.

Revenue, Fees, and Surcharges	YES	NO
Hauling Revenue	X	
Overloaded Fees Revenue	X	
Container Rental Fee	X	
Delivery Fee	X	
Commercial Leasing Fee	X	
Inactivity Fee	X	
Fuel Surcharges	X	
Dumpster, Roll-Off or Bin Repair Fee		X
Transfer Station Revenue		X
Sales Tax		X

**This table is not all-inclusive.*

- Does the city have a preferred payment method?**
Yes. The City prefers ACH payments.



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Frequently Asked Questions continued

11. Is disposal revenue subject to the GOP Hauler Fee?

Yes, the 10% GOP Hauler Fee applies to disposal charges if they are bundled with collection services. Disposal charges that are listed separately as a pass-through cost, without any markup, are exempt from the fee. However, if a markup is applied to the disposal cost, only the markup portion is subject to the 10% fee.

12. Are rental fees for dumpsters, roll-offs, or bins subject to the GOP Hauler Fee?

Container rental fees are subject to the 10% GOP Hauler Fee for haulers operating within Fort Worth. This includes charges for dumpsters, roll-offs, or bins of all sizes.

13. Are other account surcharges subject to the GOP Hauler Fee?

- **Yes**, if disposal costs are included in your collection price.
- **No**, if disposal fees are listed separately and passed through with no markup.
- **Yes**, if you mark up the disposal cost — only the markup portion is subject to the fee.

14. Is the City of Fort Worth Landfill Environmental Fee subject to the GOP Hauler Fee?

Yes — if the Landfill Environmental Fee is bundled with collection services as part of a single, combined price, the entire bundled charge is considered direct hauling revenue and is subject to the GOP Hauler Fee.

No — if the Landfill Environmental Fee is passed through to the customer as a separate line item on the invoice with no markup. Then it is not subject to the GOP Hauler Fee.

15. If two companies work on the same job, do both pay the GOP Hauler Fee?

Yes, if multiple companies are involved in a single job in Fort Worth, each company must pay the 10% Gross Hauling Revenue (GOP) fee on its specific revenue.

16. When is solid waste, recycling, and organic materials not subject to the GOP Hauler Fee?

The hauling of materials are not subject to the GOP Hauler Fee when no revenue is charged to the customer.

Example: A hauler collects and transports recyclable materials at no cost to the customer but generates revenue by selling the recycled materials.

17. Does the GOP Hauler Fee apply to City of Fort Worth projects?

Yes. The GOP Hauler fee applies to all projects including those specifically for the City of Fort Worth.

18. Does the GOP Hauler Fee apply outside city limits?

The GOP Hauler Fee in Fort Worth only applies to fees charged to customers within the official city limits. It does not apply to customers located in the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction.

19. What happens if a Hauler operates without a signed privilege agreement?

After a Fort Worth Environmental Services investigation finds a hauler operating without a Grant of Privilege (GOP) agreement, the City issues a notice giving the hauler seven days to start the application process. If the business does not comply within the allotted time, enforcement actions may be taken.

20. Will a citation be issued for operating without a GOP agreement?

Yes, failure to obtain a privilege agreement prior to collecting or transporting municipal solid waste may result in a citation with a fine of up to \$2,000 per day for each day the violation remains in effect.

Download the MyFW app for reporting or other issues.



***If you have questions about a specific fee that is not listed or need additional information, email Environmental Services Solid Waste Division at grantofprivilege@fortworthtexas.gov.**