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Good Afternoon Commissioners:

Please accept the attached letter from the Sunriver Owners Association into the formal record for the Sunriver Recycling Service and Fee/Rate public hearing to be held on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Thank you, James Lewis on behalf of the SROA Board of Directors

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MAINTAINING SUNRIVER AS A PREMIER RESIDENTIAL AND RESORT COMMUNITY PROTECTING AND ENHANCING ITS QUALITY OF LIFE,
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PROPERTY VALUES.

January 28, 2022

Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
Patti Adair, Chair
Phil Chang, Vice Chair
Tony DeBone, Commissioner
1300 N.W. Wall Street
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RE: Recycling Service and Fee – Sunriver

Dear Commissioners:

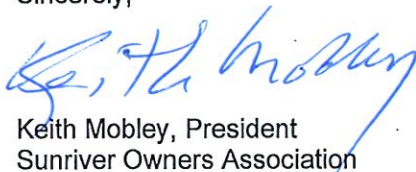
The Sunriver Owners Association (SROA) supports the offering of side yard recycling collection services to Sunriver owners to supplement the existing side yard trash collection. The SROA Board, when discussing the possibility of advocating for Universal Coverage whereby all trash subscribers would pay an additional fee for recycling whether using the service or not, chose not to take a position on that issue. It was our previous understanding from both Deschutes County and Cascade Disposal staff that the service would be provided on a subscription basis. The SROA Board consensus was that the Board was not in a position to advocate for a mandatory additional recycling charge (a universal charge) to all Sunriver owners who subscribed for trash pickup on the basis that trash and recycling collection is a private service provided by a private company – and not a service provided by SROA.

Regarding the possibility of Sunriver changing its rules to allow curb side pickup versus side yard pickup, it would take a vote of all owners, with 60% of the votes cast needing to be in favor of the change. The factors pertinent to such a vote include the fact that Sunriver roads are narrower than most city streets and do not have curbs or sidewalks which adds complexity to the physical collection. Also, only 20-25% of our current owners are full time residents. The remainder own their homes as a 2nd home with varied use throughout the year, or 2nd homes which are used as rentals to vacationers. The absentee ownership and rental use would make compliance with SROA rules regarding trash/recycling can placement a challenge. From a logistical standpoint, these factors make curb side collection difficult.

In this vein, we believe that it is important for you to know that throughout the end of 2020 and much of 2021, the Sunriver Owners Association worked with a diverse task force that included SROA Board of Directors members, Sunriver owners, and SROA staff – with the assistance of Deschutes County and Cascade Disposal staff – to review and consider recycling options for the Sunriver Community. That work included a report to the SROA Board with a variety of recommendations – including a discussion of side yard collection within Sunriver. It is with this background that we offer the comments included herein.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Keith Mobley, President
Sunriver Owners Association