

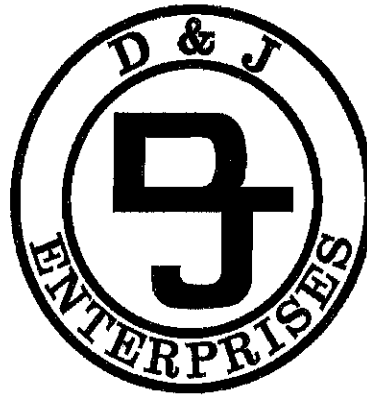
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Dear Amanda,

I am writing on behalf of D&J Enterprises to respectfully request an adjustment to the rates outlined in our emergency debris removal contract dated August 1, 2024, for services provided to Brazoria County. Due to significant inflationary increases in operational expenses, particularly in equipment and labor costs, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), we seek to align our contract rates with current economic conditions to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality services.

Since August 2024, the CPI-U for all urban consumers, as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, has increased by approximately 2.12% through May. Additionally, equipment costs, including maintenance and replacement parts for heavy machinery, have surged due to supply chain constraints and increased manufacturing expenses.

These cost increases have directly impacted our ability to maintain service levels without adjusting rates. The primary reasons for this proposed rate adjustment include (1) higher equipment costs, driven by inflation in materials and labor for repairs and replacements; and (2) general inflationary pressures on wages and other operational inputs, as reflected in the regional CPI. To offset these costs while continuing to provide reliable services, we propose a rate increase proportional to the 2.12% CPI rise since August 2024, with specific adjustments for fuel and equipment costs detailed in supporting documentation.

We deeply value our partnership with and remain committed to delivering exceptional services. This rate adjustment is intended to cover inflation-driven costs and ensure the sustainability of our operations. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this proposal, including providing detailed CPI and cost data or exploring phased adjustments. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. We look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship with Brazoria County.

Sincerely,

Patrick Thrower

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Thrower', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.