

**County of Kern
Board of Supervisors
Resolution No. 93-313**

Gate Fee Payment Options

1. Each of the terms used herein shall be defined as it was defined in Kern County Ordinance No. 5940.
2. Persons disposing of non-residential solid waste at Kern County ("County") waste facilities shall pay the required gate fees prior to waste disposal or shall have made payment arrangements with the Department in accordance with Kern County Ordinance No. 5940 or the gate fee payment options set forth herein.
3. County shall accept cash as payment of gate fees.
4. County may also accept business checks, personal checks, money orders and cashier's checks as payment for gate fees. In the event a check is offered as payment for gate fees, the Director of the County Public Works Department ("Director") may obtain approval from a check verification service before a check is accepted. The Director may refuse to accept checks that are not approved by the check verification service.
5. Any person that disposes waste at a County waste facility and is subject to payment of gate fees, may apply for a gate fee account with the Public Works Department ("Department"). Any person applying for a gate fee account shall complete the Department's gate fee application and an authorization for a credit check. The completed application and credit check authorization must be delivered to the Department. The Director may determine if a person is qualified to dispose of waste on credit, based on that person's credit history and the amount of waste that person plans to dispose at County waste facilities. The Director may deny credit to unqualified applicants or set appropriate credit limits. No credit shall be extended prior to the Director's approval of the gate fee account application. Gate fee account procedures shall be as follows:
 - a. The Department may send a monthly statement of gate fees charged to each person with a gate fee account. The statement will indicate the amount due the County. Statements shall be due as of the statement date.
 - b. Persons with a gate fee account, that have not received a statement by the 15th of any month, may call the Department to verify their account's activity for the previous month.
 - c. All payments on gate fee accounts shall be made payable to the "County of Kern – Solid Waste Enterprise Fund" and shall be mailed or delivered to the address indicated on the statement.
 - d. Any statement for a fee charged to any person in accordance with this resolution shall become delinquent thirty (30) days after the statement date.

- e. Upon delinquency, the account privileges of the person with the gate fee account shall become suspended and no additional charges may be made to that account until the delinquent amount due has been paid.
 - f. Upon delinquency, a penalty in the amount of one and one half (1.5%) of the delinquent amount shall be added to the account per month.
 - g. Partial payments may be made and shall be accepted, but partial payments shall not remove a gate fee account from a delinquent or suspended status.
 - h. Suspended gate fee account privileges may be reinstated upon the receipt by the Department of full payment of all monies due and the approval of the Director.
 - i. If the Director determines at any time that any person holding a gate fee account has allowed the gate fee account privileges of that person to remain suspended for a period of thirty (30) days or has had two (2) suspensions in any twelve (12) month period, the Director may revoke the gate fee account privileges of that person.
 - j. Persons desiring to close a gate fee account must notify the Director in writing. Gate fee accounts may be closed only after the Director has determined that all necessary charges have been applied to the account and all charges have been paid.
6. Anyone may post an advance payment of required gate fees at any time. Such advance payments may be applied to any accrued gate fees until the advance payment has been exhausted. A person may replenish or increase the amount of the advance payment at any time. Upon request, the Director shall refund any portion of such advance payment which has not been applied to accrued gate fees.