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Dear Residents & Homeowners,

We hope this letter finds you well. The purpose of this letter is to address updates for calendar year 2023 concerning garbage & refuse collection.

We strive to give our residents the best service for the lowest cost in all scenarios. However, with rising costs of fuel, labor, insurance, landfill fees, etc. we must make you aware of a significant increase in your annual garbage payment beginning in 2023.

Our garbage contract is put out to bid once a term is up and the Borough is obligated to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. This October, one bid was received from our current haulers, J.P. Mascaro and Sons and they were awarded a three-year contract. Regrettably, the cost to the Borough increased by \$118,188 per year. In turn, our annual garbage fees must be increased. We will be offering 2 options to assist in making your payments

Option 1 - Pay in Full

\$250 per unit from January 1 - February 28th, 2023

\$275 per unit from March 1 - April 30th, 2023

\$300 per unit from May 1 - June 30th 2023

After June 30th, \$350 per unit (Fee with penalties) and property owners may be subject to further legal action and penalties

Option 2 - Pay in Installments

Your total owed may be split into two payments during each period

(Examples: If you would like to split up payments and pay \$125 during the month of January, your second payment of \$125 will be due by February 28th.

If you make your first payment during March, your second payment will be due by April 30th and you will owe a total of \$275

If you make your first payment of \$125 in January, and you don't make your second payment until March, your second payment will be \$150)

We understand that a new payment system has its challenges, but we are open and willing to help accommodate anyone as much as we can.

Your annual fee will allow you to put out up to 3 bags of garbage per week and will now allow you to put out 1 non-freon containing bulk item per month. **NO ELECTRONICS (Televisions, Computers, Printers)** If you need or wish to place a bulk item out for collection, you must obtain a special bulk sticker from Therese Wrubel.

If you need to put out additional bags, you must purchase extra bag stickers at \$5.00 each. Your first 3 bags do NOT require a sticker.

All payments must be collected by Therese Wrubel directly, either by mail or during her normal business hours at the Municipal Building. You **CAN NOT** leave your payment with the Borough Secretary. All checks are to be made payable to "Avoca Borough."

Mail Payment to:
Avoca Borough
129 Factory Street
Avoca, PA 18641
570-457-4891
570-457-4947 Ext. 1

Therese's Office Hours
During Tax Rebate Period
Mondays 5-6pm
Tues & Thurs 9:30-11:30am &
1:30-3:30pm
After Tax Rebate Period:
Tuesdays Only 9:30-11:30am

NEW - Drop Box
There will now be a separate drop box on the outside of the Municipal Building, specifically for dropping your refuse and/or tax payments. The secretary will no longer be accepting either.

Sincerely,
President, Avoca Borough Council