

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Rich County Courthouse, 20 S. Main Street in Randolph. The Rich County Board of Commissioners is considering a resolution to INCREASE THE SANITATION RATES FOR RESIDENCES OPERATING AS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL.

The Rich County Board of Commissions is considering raising the sanitation fee for residences being operated as a short-term or nightly rental. Rich County defines a short-term rental as a dwelling that is rented to a single person for a period of less than 30 days and for which a special business license is required. This proposal would affect all residences being operated as nightly or short-term rentals in the county. Section 2 of the Rich County Refuse Ordinance states that “a refuse service fee may be established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.” The fee was last adjusted in 2008. The proposal would increase the sanitation fee for a residence being operated as a nightly or short-term rental to \$475 per year for a residence licensed for up to thirty guests. Residences licensed above thirty guests would pay \$475 per year plus \$1 per additional licensed guest per year. This increased fee is intended to offset the increased costs to the county for providing sanitation services to these businesses.

The Board of Commissioners is soliciting the public’s comments on the proposed fee increase. Those attending the hearing will be invited to provide their input. Those wishing to comment, but who are unable to attend the hearing may also submit written comments to the Rich County Clerk prior to the hearing. The County Clerk, Rebecca Peart, can be reached at (435) 793-2415.