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Ms. Jana Lee
Village Clerk
Village of Winthrop Harbor
830 Sheridan Road
Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Dear Ms. Lee:

This letter is in reference to the current contract for refuse, recycling and landscape waste collection, section 1.3.3.2 paragraph C. At this time, Groot Industries is requesting the Village of Winthrop Harbor to implement the scheduled increase effective March 1, 2010.

Pursuant to the Consumer Price Index formula in the agreement, the calculation is as follows:

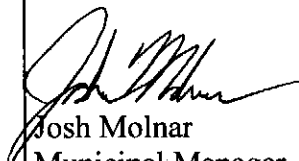
November 2008	209.053
November 2009	212.206

The November Index reflects a 1.5% increase. The agreement also utilizes a formula for the landfill disposal charge increase for the previous year. Please note that the landfill rates increased 3% from \$48.40 a ton in 2008 to \$49.85 a ton in 2009. The agreement calls for a "pro rata" show of any increase. There is no specific formula in the agreement, but as last year Groot is requesting to split the difference of this increase at 1.5%. Therefore with the 1.5% CPI and 1.5% increase of disposal at the landfill, Groot is requesting a 3% increase in the current rates. The current rates with a 3% increase are as follows:

	Current Rate	New Rate
Curb service	\$24.10	\$24.82
Curb service	\$21.69	\$22.34
Recycle only	\$5.00	\$5.15
Refuse stickers	\$2.68	\$2.76
Yard waste stickers	\$1.34	\$1.38

Groot Industries appreciates the continued opportunity to provide these very important services to the Village of Winthrop Harbor. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Josh Molnar
Municipal Manager
Groot Industries, Inc.

cc: Ryan Brandsma, General Manager

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