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Q. Can you explain the latest tax hike in Amsterdam?

A. There are three major council taxes in the Netherlands, according to Corine Hoeben, a research associate at the Center for Research on Local Government Economics at the University of Groningen.

One of those three taxes is for waste collection, which is paid by all households whether they rent or own their property. And, as of January, 2019, it’s gone up 17.6%, Ms. Hoeben said.

“This year, the waste collection fee is the main increase and 18% is a steep rise,” she said.

However, the fee is still relatively small. Families will pay €368 (US\$413) a year for waste collection in 2019, compared to €313 last year.

“The raise enables Amsterdam to cover all waste collection costs,” Ms. Hoeben explained.

In addition to the waste collection fee, Amsterdam homeowners pay a property tax and a sewage charge, she said. Both these taxes also rose slightly in 2019.

Property tax rose 3.8%, according to Ms. Hoeben. Homeowners will pay an average of €146 in 2019, up from €140. The exact amount of tax depends on the home’s value.

The sewage charge is €131 in 2019, a 4.2% increase over last year, when it was €126. The rate is the same throughout Amsterdam.