

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 23RESIDENTIALNONCOMPLIANTBULKCOLLECTIONFEES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Service Rate for the Out-of-Cycle and Contaminated Bulky Waste Pile in Chapter 12.5, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Article VIII, Solid Waste and Recycling, Division 4, Deposits, Rates and Collection, Section 12.5-841.1, Residential Collection Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending the service rate for the out-of-cycle and contaminated bulky waste pile in Chapter 12.5, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Article VIII, Solid Waste and Recycling, Division 4, Deposits, Rates and Collection, Section 12.5-841.1, Residential Collection Fees

DISCUSSION:

On August 5, 2004, the City Council adopted a new collection schedule which calls for weekly collection of brush and monthly collection of bulky waste. On October, 26, 2004, under Ord. No. 16188, City Council adopted and approved rates regarding the collection of out-of-cycle bulky waste and brush piles, oversized bulky waste and brush piles pay bags and violation tags. Since 2004, the rate for out-of-cycle and contaminated bulky waste pile collection has not changed.

Under the rules of the Bulk Waste Program (Program), residents are required to put their bulk materials out for collection by Monday at 7am of their assigned bulk week. Residents are also responsible for only putting out materials that are accepted in the bulk waste program. Bulk materials set out at the wrong time are considered "out-of-cycle" and bulk materials set out that are not allowed in the program are considered "non-compliant".

Residents who set out "out-of-cycle" and "non-compliant" piles cost the City of Fort Worth (City) money, time and resources as Code Officers, Call Center staff and Solid Waste staff must issue notices of violation, answer resident calls, process paperwork and in some cases collect the pile. In addition the City must pay Waste Management to collect the piles that are not abated by the resident. In order for the City to be able to recover more of its administrative costs related to these out-of-cycle and contaminated bulky waste piles, the attached ordinance increases the fee residents pay for these types of piles and will become effective on April 1, 2022.

The attached ordinance will amend section 12.5-841.1 of the City Code to increase the out-of-cycle and contaminated bulky waste pile collection rate as follows:

- From \$75.00 per 5 cubic yards and \$65.00 per 5 cubic yards thereafter, up to 30 cubic yards (\$75.00 shall be minimum charged to household)
- To \$123.52 per 5 cubic yards and \$107.40 per 5 cubic yards thereafter, up to 30 cubic yards (\$123.52 shall be minimum charged to household)

The rate for all other services in Section 12.5-841.1 will remain the same.

The fees will remain in the Solid Waste Fund to offset the current cost of services. Revenue from the increased fee is estimated at \$1,231,250 annually.

This serves all COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and amendment to the ordinance, funds will be deposited into the Solid Waste Fund. The Code Compliance Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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