

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 23COMMERCIALGARBAGECOLLECTIONFEES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.5, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Article VIII, Solid Waste and Recycling, Division 4, Deposits, Rates and Collection, Section 12.5-841.2, of the City Code to Increase the Commercial Garbage Collection Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Chapter 12.5, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Article VIII, Solid Waste and Recycling, Division 4, Deposits, Rates and Collection, Section 12.5-841.2, of the City Code to increase the Commercial Garbage Collection Fees.

DISCUSSION:

On August 7, 2003, the City Council adopted ordinance No. 15632 (M&C No. G-14046), establishing a variable rate structure for commercial garbage services based on a frequency of service. The current terms of the Residential Collection Program (Program) allows for residential garbage cart service to be provided to a qualified Fort Worth small commercial business. These small commercial businesses do not have a need for a commercial garbage dumpster or may not have available space for a dumpster; therefore, servicing them with carts is a more efficient solution. On September 30, 2020, the City's consultant, Burns & McDonnell submitted a report recommending the City consider generating additional revenue from commercial entities that would equitably redistribute the financial responsibility of solid waste programs to prepare for the development, capital and operational costs of a future landfill, as well as on-going solid waste and recycling programs.

Since 2003, the City has not increased the rates for commercial garbage services. To help recover the cost of the City having to administer the solid waste program, the Code Compliance Department, upon recommendation from its consultant, is recommending that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance, which increases the fees small commercial businesses pay for weekly garbage collection by \$15.00 per cart for all existing and new commercial accounts beginning April 1, 2022. The fees will remain in the Solid Waste Fund to offset the current cost of services. Increased revenue from the City's current commercial accounts are estimated at \$250,000.00 at 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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