



Department Source: City Utilities - Solid Waste

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 7, 2017

Re: Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to solid waste rates

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to rates charged by the solid waste utility.

Discussion

Part of Chapter 22 of the City Code governs the charges paid by customers of the solid waste utility.

Highlights of the proposed fiscal year 2018 rate changes include:

- 4% increase for residential refuse customers.
- The third year of a three-year plan to increase fees for commercial refuse customers that will bring them in line with cost-of-service recommendations that were discussed during the fiscal year 2016 budget process.
- The elimination of commercial recycling fees for permanently placed recycling containers at apartment complexes in order to encourage recycling activities from residents in apartment complexes.

The following is a brief discussion of the proposed changes to each section of Chapter 22.

Sec. 22-159 (a) – Proposed change will;

1. Increase the residential refuse rate 4% (from \$15.42 per month to \$16.04 per month).
2. Increase the charge when a property is vacant and the owner has requested discontinuance of a metered service from \$4.90 per month to 50% of the monthly residential rate, per residence. This revision ties the charge to the monthly rate to ensure this rate category is automatically adjusted with any future residential rate increases.
3. Increase the grouped residential refuse rate 4% (from \$14.67 per month to \$15.26 per month).

Sec 22-159 (j) – Proposed change will delete language regarding seasonal yard waste pick-up. This section is no longer applicable since yard waste is now collected as part of the weekly curbside refuse collection services for residential customers.

Sec 22-159 (n) – Proposed change will increase the curbside pickup fee for major appliances with refrigerants from \$18.93 per appliance to \$22.75 per appliance and appliances without refrigerants from \$12.62 per appliance to \$15.19 per appliance.



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Sec 22-160 (b) (1) – Proposed change will increase the charge for customers in apartments that utilize bulk storage containers from \$14.67 per month to \$15.26 per month.

Sec 22-160 (b) (2) – Proposed change will increase the monthly charge for apartment complexes that are billed to a single customer and utilize bulk storage containers from \$14.42 per apartment to \$15.00 per apartment.

Sec 22-160 (b) (3) – Proposed change will allow apartment complex owners or managers to request permanently placed recycling containers as part of the residential refuse collection service. This change would eliminate commercial recycling fees for permanently placed recycling containers at apartment complexes.

Sec. 22-161 (b)(1)(a) – Proposed ordinance clarifies when commercial hand pick-up services may be applicable.

Sec. 22-161 (b)(1)(b) - Proposed change will increase the commercial refuse hand pick-up charge from a minimum of \$14.20 per occurrence to a minimum of \$15.70 per occurrence. For pick-ups taking longer than five minutes, the per minute rate is being increased from \$2.84 to \$3.14.

Sec. 22-161 (b)(2) – Proposed change is variable based on the findings of the cost-of-service analysis. The changes will;

1. Eliminate 1 & 3 cubic yard front loading and rear loading storage container rates. Solid Waste does not provide 1 & 3 cubic yard containers.
2. Increase the monthly rate charged for Front Loading refuse container collection between 3.0% and 21.0% depending on the size of container and the number of pick-ups per week. The smallest increase is for the largest container picked up once per week and the largest increase is for the smallest container picked up six times per week.
3. Increase the monthly rate charged for Rear Loading container collection between 5.5% and 21.8% depending on the size of container and the number of pick-ups per week. The smallest increase is for the largest container picked up once per week and the largest increase is for the smallest container picked up six times per week.
4. Eliminate the Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) recycling container collection rate chart. The rate for the collection of OCC will remain at 80% of the rear loading refuse container collection rate. Eliminating the chart will ensure this rate category is automatically adjusted with any future rear loading refuse container collection rate adjustments.
5. Eliminate the Mixed Fiber Material recycling container rate chart. The rate for the collection of Mixed Fiber Material will remain at 85% of the rear loading refuse container collection rate. Eliminating the chart will ensure this rate category is automatically adjusted with any future rear loading refuse container collection rate adjustments.
6. Eliminate the Aluminum, Metal or Plastic Container recycling container collection rate chart. The rate for the collection of Aluminum, Metal or Plastic Containers will



remain at 85% of the rear loading refuse container collection rate. Eliminating the chart will ensure this rate category is automatically adjusted with any future rear loading refuse container collection rate adjustments.

7. Eliminate the Food Waste Compost recycling container collection rate chart. The rate for the collection of Food Waste Compost will remain at 85% of the rear loading refuse container collection rate. Eliminating the chart will ensure this rate category is automatically adjusted with any future rear loading refuse container collection rate adjustments.
8. Eliminate the Glass or Mixed Fiber Material with Containers in the same container collection rate chart. The rate for the collection of Glass or Mixed Fiber Material with Containers will remain at 100% of the rear loading refuse container collection rate. Eliminating the chart will ensure this rate category is automatically adjusted with any future rear loading refuse container collection rate adjustments.

Sec. 22-161 (b)(3) – Proposed change will increase the charge for front loading compacting boxes from \$20.39 per cubic yard capacity to \$23.17 per cubic yard capacity.

Sec. 22-161 (d) – Proposed change will;

1. Increase the charge to set a front loading construction dumpster from \$89.76 per occurrence to \$91.08 occurrence.
2. Increase the collection charge from \$67.39 per occurrence to \$134.78 per occurrence.
3. Increase the minimum monthly fee for construction dumpster service from \$67.39 to \$134.78.

Sec. 22-161 (e)(1) – Proposed change will;

1. Increase the charge for full-size compactor roll-off container collection service from \$94.23 per occurrence to \$98.51 per occurrence.
2. Increase the per ton fee from \$45.76 per occurrence to \$52.00 per occurrence.
3. Increase the minimum monthly fee for full-size compactor roll-off containers from \$94.23 to \$98.51.

Sec. 22-161 (e)(2) – Proposed change will;

1. Increase the charge for full-size non-compactor roll-off container collection service from \$94.23 per occurrence to \$98.51 per occurrence.
2. Increase the per ton fee from \$45.76 per occurrence to \$52.00 per occurrence.
3. Increase the minimum monthly fee for full-size non-compactor roll-off containers from \$94.23 per month to \$98.51 per month.

Sec. 22-161 (e)(3) – Proposed change will;

1. Increase the charge for mini-size compactor roll-off container collection service from \$66.99 per occurrence to \$70.03 per occurrence.
2. Increase the per ton fee from \$45.76 per occurrence to \$52.00 per occurrence.
3. Increase the minimum monthly fee for mini-size compactor roll-off containers from \$66.99 to \$70.03.



Sec. 22-161 (e)(4) – Proposed change will;

1. Increase the charge for mini-size non-compactor roll-off container collection service from \$66.99 per occurrence to \$70.03 per occurrence.
2. Increase the per ton fee from \$45.76 per occurrence to \$52.00 per occurrence.
3. Increase the minimum monthly fee for mini-size non-compactor roll-off containers from \$66.99 to \$70.03.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(1) – Proposed change will increase per ton landfill fee from \$45.76 per ton to \$52.00 per ton and increase the minimum fee from \$20.80 per occurrence to \$25.00 per occurrence.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(2) – Proposed change will;

1. Increase the landfill fee for automobiles when the landfill scale is inoperable from \$20.80 each to \$25.00 each.
2. Increase the landfill fee for pickups, vans and trailers without specified rates when the landfill scale is inoperable from \$20.80 each to \$25.00 each.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(3) – Proposed change will increase the landfill fee for any vehicle one ton or larger when the landfill scale is inoperable from \$116.82 each to \$132.74 each.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(4) – Proposed change will increase the landfill fee for non-compacted roll-off boxes, trailers greater than eighteen (18) feet in length and truck with haul bed greater than eighteen (18) feet in length when landfill scale is inoperable from \$233.71 each to \$265.56 each.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(6) – Proposed change will increase the landfill fee for compactor trucks and compactor roll-off boxes when landfill scale is inoperable from \$20.29 per cubic yard to \$23.17 per cubic yard.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(11) a. – Proposed change will increase the landfill fee for appliances equipped for use of refrigerants from \$20.31 each to \$22.75 each.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(11) b. – Proposed change will increase the landfill fee for appliances not requiring refrigerants from \$13.56 each to \$15.19 each.

Sec. 22-163 (a)(12) – Proposed change will add a fee for the disposal of grease trap waste at the landfill for \$52.00 per ton.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Residential collection and landfill revenues are anticipated to increase next fiscal year. Commercial collection rates are being increased, but overall commercial collection revenue is not anticipated to increase significantly as customers will be



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encouraged to reduce size and frequency of refuse pick-up and increase the amount of recycling which is charged at a lower rate.

Long-Term Impact: The long-term impact could be a decrease in revenue and a decrease in cost as customers shift to planned refuse and recycling programs.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Environment, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Environmental Management, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends that Council amend Chapter 22 as outlined in the accompanying ordinance.