

Public Hearing: August 21, 2006

F A C T S H E E T

TITLE: Proposed Resolution to increase
Solid Waste Use Charges

SPONSOR: Public Works & Utilities

OPPONENTS: Unknown

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

APPLICANT: Public Works & Utilities

REASON FOR LEGISLATION: To establish a new schedule for solid waste user charges to increase revenues for the Lincoln Solid Waste area for purposes of covering a portion of the System's operational and maintenance costs, a portion of the costs of the Capital Improvements Program for F.Y. 2006-07 through F.Y. 2011-12, and to help build a financial base for future solid waste revenue bonds for Capital Improvement costs.

- (1) Creating another vehicle category for those small vehicles using North 48th Street Transfer Station and making minor adjustments to the small vehicle fee schedule.
- (2) Increasing the size of vehicles and trailers accepted at the North 48th Street Transfer Station eliminating the need to handle those vehicles at Bluff Road site from \$10.00/ton to \$14.00/ton.
- (3) Increasing the per ton user fee for waste at the Bluff Road site from \$10.00/ton to \$14.00/ton.

D I S C U S S I O N

The tonnage fee increase is needed to cover operational and maintenance and capital project costs and to build a financial base for future solid waste revenue bond issues for landfill expansion. The adjustments for small vehicles are revenue neutral.

The need to further categorize vehicle types results from the changes in the motor vehicle industry in the types of vehicles being manufactured during the last decade.

Increasing the size of vehicles and trailers accepted at the North 48th Street Transfer Station eliminates the need to process those vehicles at the Bluff Road landfill site. Reducing the number of Bluff Road users and reduces the risk of damage and personal injury. Fewer small vehicles at the active fill face does optimize safe operation minimizing conflicts between equipment and operators.

We've met with the Solid Waste Hauler's Association relative to the need for the increase in the tonnage user fee. They have indicated they are pleased the City is able to delay these increases until January 1, 2007. This allows them to notify their customers of the adjustments.

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