

AGENDA ITEM #3E
May 13, 2009

Action

MEMORANDUM

May 11, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: *KL* Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: **Action:** Executive's Recommended FY 10 Solid Waste Service Charges

The Executive's recommended FY10 Operating Budget includes proposed solid waste charges for the upcoming fiscal year. These charges are approved annually by the Council by resolution (draft attached on ©1-3).

The table on Page 2 of this memorandum compares the Executive's recommended FY10 Solid Waste charges with the approved FY09 charges.

A public hearing was held on April 21. On April 22, 2008 the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee discussed the Division of Solid Waste Services budget and the Executive's recommended charges for FY10 as part of its discussion of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Operating Budget.

On May 5, as part of the Council's consent calendar actions on a number of departmental budgets, the Council concurred with the T&E Committee recommendations regarding the DEP Operating Budget, including the Division of Solid Waste Services budget and Solid Waste charges for FY10 with no changes to the Executive's recommendations. **Council Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution which is consistent with Council action to date.**

**APPROVED FY09
and
CE RECOMMENDED FY10
SOLID WASTE CHARGES**

Charge	Approved - FY09	CE Rec. FY10	Percent Change
SINGLE FAMILY			
Base Systems Benefit Charge	\$30.25	\$24.45	-19.2%
Incremental Systems Benefit Charge	\$120.08	\$130.36	8.6%
Disposal Fee	\$52.39	\$55.04	5.1%
Leaf Vacuuming Charge	\$93.04	\$93.96	1.0%
Refuse Collection Charge	\$73.00	\$75.00	2.7%
Total Charges, Households Receiving:			
Recycling Collection Only	\$202.72	\$209.85	3.5%
Recycling and Leaf Collection	\$295.76	\$303.81	2.7%
Recycling and Refuse Collection	\$275.72	\$284.85	3.3%
Recycling, Leaf and Refuse Collection	\$368.76	\$378.81	2.7%
MULTI-FAMILY			
Base Systems Benefit Charge	\$2.17	\$3.92	80.6%
Incremental Systems Benefit Charge	\$14.24	\$12.50	-12.2%
Leaf Vacuuming Charge	\$4.04	\$4.06	0.5%
Total Charges			
Units inside Leaf Vacuuming District	\$20.45	\$20.48	0.1%
Units outside Leaf Vacuuming District	\$16.41	\$16.42	0.1%
NONRESIDENTIAL			
(by waste generation category per 2,000 sq. feet of gross floor area)			
Low	\$91.21	\$100.16	9.8%
Medium Low	\$273.63	\$300.48	9.8%
Medium	\$456.06	\$500.81	9.8%
Medium High	\$638.49	\$701.12	9.8%
High	\$820.91	\$901.45	9.8%
TIPPING FEES			
Refuse (weighing >500 lbs per load)	\$56.00	\$56.00	0.0%
Refuse (weighing <500 lbs per load)	\$0.00	\$0.00	n/a
Refuse in Open Top Containers	\$60.00	\$60.00	0.0%
Commercial Yard Trim	\$40.00	\$40.00	0.0%
Other Recyclables	\$0.00	\$0.00	n/a

Attachment

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Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: FY10 Solid Waste Service Charges

Background

1. Under County Code Section 48-31, each fiscal year, the County Council must, by resolution, set the base solid waste charges, the residential system benefit charges, and the nonresidential system benefits charges and all other solid waste service, collection, and disposal charges and fees.
2. Under County Code Section 48-8A(b)(1), the County Council must set, each fiscal year, by resolution, the rates for the residential and nonresidential systems benefit charges.
3. Under County Code Section 48-47(c)(1) and (2), the County has established a Leaf Recycling Service Area in which special fees are charged for leaf recycling services.
4. On March 16, 2009, the County Executive recommended, effective July 1, 2009, solid waste charges including residential Base Systems Benefit Charges which when multiplied by the generation rates (set by Executive Regulation 6-09) yield household charges for FY 2010:

Refuse Collection Charge

For single-family households and dwellings in buildings with six or fewer dwelling units located within Sub-district A, the Solid Waste Refuse Collection District:

Once weekly refuse collection charge	\$75.00/household
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Disposal Fee (Applies to All Single-Family Households and Dwellings in Buildings Comprised of Six or Fewer Dwelling Units Outside of Municipalities)

Disposal fee (tip fee * tons disposed per household) $\$56.00 \times 0.98282 =$
 $\$55.04/\text{household}$

Systems Benefit Charges for Single-Family Households and Dwellings in Buildings Comprised of Six or Fewer Dwelling Units:

Base systems benefit charge =

Base costs/ton x Generation / Household - Offset from Disposal Fees:
 $\$37.59766/\text{ton} \times 2.1142 \text{ ton}/\text{household (ER4-06)} - \$55.04/\text{household} =$
 $\$24.45/\text{household}$

Incremental systems benefit charge =

Charge Rate (\$/ton waste generated) x Generation / Household:
 $\$61.6593 \times 2.1142 = \$130.36 /\text{household}$

Systems Benefit Charges for Multi-Family Properties in Buildings Comprised of Seven or Greater Dwelling Units (Charge per Dwelling Unit):

Base Systems Benefit Charge =

Base Cost/Ton x Tons Generated / Dwelling - Tip Fee Offsets
 $\$37.59766/\text{ton} \times 0.8719 \text{ ton}/\text{dwelling (ER 4-06)} - \$28.86 / \text{dwelling} =$
 $\$3.92/\text{dwelling}$

Incremental systems benefit charge =

Charge Rate (\$/ton waste generated) x Generation / Dwelling:
 $\$14.3349 \times 0.8719 = \underline{\$12.50} /\text{dwelling}$

Total multi-family systems benefit charge on property bill $\$16.42 /\text{dwelling}$

Nonresidential Properties:

Base and Incremental System Benefit Charge rates by waste generation category per billable unit of 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of property improvement on real property as reported by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation:

<u>Generator Category</u>	<u>Base (\$/GFA Unit)</u>	<u>Incremental (\$/GFA Unit)</u>	<u>Total (\$/GFA Unit)</u>
Low	\$ 97.58	\$ 2.58	\$100.16
Medium Low	\$292.75	\$ 7.73	\$300.48
Medium	\$487.92	\$ 12.89	\$500.81
Medium High	\$683.08	\$ 18.04	\$701.12
High	\$878.25	\$ 23.20	\$901.45

Base solid waste charges per ton for solid waste:

Refuse received at the transfer station (weighing > 500 pounds/load)	\$56.00
Refuse received at the transfer station (weighing < 500 pounds/load)	\$ 0.00
Materials delivered for disposal in open-top roll-off boxes	\$60.00
Commercial Yard Trim received at the Transfer Station	\$40.00
Scrap metal delivered to the Transfer Station	\$ 0.00
Recyclable paper received at the County's Recycling Center	\$ 0.00
Commingled containers received at the County's Recycling Center	\$ 0.00
Source separated recyclable materials dropped off at the recycling drop-off area of the Transfer Station	\$ 0.00

Leaf Vacuuming charge in the Leaf Recycling Service Area:

Single-family household	\$93.96
Multi-family residential unit	\$ 4.06

Action

The County Council approves the above solid waste charges, effective July 1, 2009.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council