

AGENDA ITEM #3B
March 31, 2009

Introduction

MEMORANDUM

March 27, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: *KL* Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: **Introduction:** FY10 Solid Waste Charges

On March 23, 2009 the Executive transmitted his FY10 proposed Solid Waste charges (see ©1). These charges are consistent with the Executive's Recommended FY10 Operating Budget which was transmitted on March 16, 2009. These charges are approved annually by the Council by resolution (draft attached on ©2-5).

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 is scheduled for April 21, 2009 at 1:30 PM. The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee will discuss the charges on April 22, 2009 as part of its review of the FY10 Department of Environmental Protection Operating Budget.

**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



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2009

TO: Phil Andrews, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Resolution – Solid Waste Services Charges

This memorandum transmits my proposed resolution regarding the Solid Waste Services Charges. The enclosed proposed charges are based on the policy and objective of the County Executive's FY10 recommended budget.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Hoyt, Director, Department of Environmental Protection, at 240-777-7781. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Enclosure

cc: Bob Hoyt, Director, Department of Environmental Protection
Dan Locke, Chief, Division of Solid Waste Services
Keith Levchenko, County Council

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Resolution No.: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: 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 4-06) 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

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:
 $\$37.59766/\text{ton} \times 2.1142 \text{ ton/household (ER4-06)} - \$55.04/\text{household} =$
 $\$24.45/\text{household}$

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
 $\$37.59766/\text{ton} \times 0.8719 \text{ ton/dwelling (ER 4-06)} - \$28.86 / \text{dwelling} =$
 $\$3.92/\text{dwelling}$

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 /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