CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: First Reading of Proposed Ordinance – Title 4 (Health and Safety Regulations), Chapter 5C (Solid Waste Control) – Modification of Fees and Charges

DATE: June 17, 2019

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Additional revenue will be generated each fiscal year in an amount needed to balance the fund against anticipated expenditures. The City's Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenue is used primarily to offset expenses paid to Des Moines Metro Waste Authority (MWA) for solid waste and recycling collection and disposal services, and expenses paid to the West Des Water Works for billing services. The fund currently has a positive fund balance but absent the proposed rate adjustment, the City projects to lose approximately $175,000 in the upcoming fiscal year (FY 19-20). The new rates shown below and described in the ordinance will allow the City to "pass through" all costs.

With the new rates, an individual homeowner using the traditional 96 gallon waste and recycling containers will see his/her cost for service increase by a total of $12.60 per year. It is proposed that these new rates take effect September 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND: The City last adjusted its solid waste collection rate September 1, 2018. The current rate adjustment is needed due to increasing costs incurred by the MWA. These costs are explained in the attached memorandum from MWA Executive Director Michael McCoy.

The current and proposed rates are summarized as follows:

48 Gallon Cart	**Current**	**Proposed**
Per Month	$10.55 / mo.	$11.50 / mo.
Ea. Additional Cart	$ 7.05	$ 7.50

96 Gallon Cart	**Current**	**Proposed**
Per Month	$11.25 / mo.	$12.00 / mo.
Ea. Additional Cart	$ 7.75	$ 8.00

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the First Reading of the proposed Ordinance to adjust Solid Waste Collection fees with an effective date of September 1, 2019.

Lead Staff Member: Tim Stiles, Finance Director

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	
Appropriations/Finance	
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Agenda Acceptance	

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Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

Metro Waste Authority
We Know Where It Should Go

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2019

TO: MWA Member and Planning Member City Managers, City Clerks, and Public Works Officials

FROM: Michael McCoy, Executive Director

CC: MWA Board of Directors
Leslie Irlbeck, MWA Public Affairs Manager
Sue Nielsen, MWA Accounting Manager
Greg Traver, Waste Management

SUBJECT: Curb It! Rates for FY19/20

The Curb It! fee effective July 1, 2019, will increase $0.01 to $2.69 per household per month, which is less than a .5% increase. The rate is calculated based on nationally published CPI and the compressed natural gas index that are provisions of the MWA contract with Waste Management for collection services. This slight increase covers the cost of collection for recycled materials.

Also, effective July 1, 2019 is an additional $0.74 per household per month increase. This is the first processing fee of its kind. After multiple, unplanned contract renegotiations with the recycling processor, Metro Waste Authority most recently incurred a 37% increase, in addition to a change in the structure of the revenue share from commodities. Metro Waste Authority will continue working with city staff over the coming months to determine a process for passing this fee on to cities, and the residents.

In summary, beginning July 1, 2019, the total cost for residents to recycle is $3.43 per month.

Communities in our service area pay a competitive collection rate under the singlestream recycling program, which is directly based on market prices. You will see the adjusted price in the invoices mailed at the end of July 2019. It will be applied to the housecounts provided to Metro Waste Authority on a quarterly basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this increase. You can reach me at 323-6535.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, BY AMENDING TITLE 4, HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE C PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES

BE IT ORDAINED BY CITY COUNCIL OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA:

SECTION 1. Title 4, Chapter 5, Article C, Section 3 – MONTHLY CHARGES, and Section 4 – PRORATION OF CHARGES, are hereby amended to read as follows:

4-5C-3 **MONTHLY CHARGES:** There is herewith imposed a solid waste collection and disposal fee as follows applicable to each residential unit for solid waste collected by the city approved contractor:

48 gallon cart - $12.25 ~~$11.50~~ per month
96 gallon cart - $12.75 ~~$12.00~~ per month

Charges for collection of additional carts shall be as follows:

48 gallon cart - $8.25 ~~$7.50~~ per month
96 gallon cart - $8.75 ~~$8.00~~ per month

These charges shall be made on all bills mailed by West Des Moines Water Works on and after the effective date hereof. Additional charges may also be imposed for changing cart size. The collection agent for the city shall be the West Des Moines Water Works which shall provide for solid waste charges to be listed upon its regular billing statement and collected in the same manner as water and sanitary sewer fees. Billing for the change in container size shall be made in the billing cycle following the change. All charges imposed herein shall be due and payable upon receipt of the billing.

4-5C-4 **PRORATION OF CHARGES**: The service availability charge shall be prorated according to the ratio of the number of days for which solid waste collection service was available to a customer at a premises and the total number of days in the month.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any section, provision, sentence, clause, phrase, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any provision, section,

subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or part hereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 1st day of July, 2019.

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Steven K. Gaer
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk

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