



## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**MEETING DATE:**

March 21, 2018

**DEPARTMENT:**

Public Works

**DIVISION:**

Solid Waste

- ☐ Motion
- ☒ Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance - Introduction
- ☐ Ordinance - Adoption
- ☐ Public Hearing

**TITLE:**

Environmental Solid Waste Fee and Refuse Collection and Disposal Charges and Fees

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Amend the 'Refuse Collection and Disposal Procedures and Regulations' to increase specified fees and charges, update collection pickup and repeal Resolutions R98-29, R2000-40, R2001-44, R2003-45, R2007-37 and R2010-35. (Public Works/Solid Waste) (Joel Olea)

**REPORT:**

In July 2017, the City hired a consultant, Willdan/Economists.com, to conduct a rate study and financial analysis of the City's solid waste and refuse collection and disposal charges and fees. Willdan/Economists.com issued its findings in a report titled *City of Yuma 2017 Solid Waste Study* and presented those findings to the City Council at the February 20, 2018 City Council Worksession.

The study noted that the City's costs were increasing due to higher landfill tipping fees and operating costs, which have resulted in operating costs exceeding revenues for the last two years and projects this trend to continue. The study recommended increasing the Environmental Solid Waste Fee (Environmental Fee); the Residential Solid Waste Collection Fee, also known as residential refuse collection and disposal fee, (Residential Fee); and fees for various extraordinary services. Pursuant to Yuma City Code § 190-65, the City Council may increase the charges and fees for refuse collection and disposal services through a resolution.

Under the proposed resolution, starting July 1, 2018, the Environmental Fee would increase from \$6.25 to \$6.75 per month. Starting July 1, 2019, the Environmental Fee would increase to \$7.25 per month. The Residential Fee would increase from \$5.00 per month to \$6.00 per month starting July 1, 2018, and starting July 1, 2019, the Residential Fee would increase to \$7.00 per month. Numerous outdated solid waste resolutions and amendments are repealed.

Beginning with fiscal year 2020-2021, the resolution also permits the City Council to make cost of living adjustments as part of the annual budget process. Increases are capped at 3% per year.

With the 2018 increase, the fund will still have a negative cash flow. After the 2019 increase the Solid Waste Enterprise fund will return to a position of covering costs without a negative cash flow.

Amendments to the Refuse Collection and Disposal Procedures and Regulations also provide for collection twice per week (one/refuse and one/recyclables) as well as monthly billing and categorical increases.

Repealing resolutions R98-29, R2000-40, R2001-44, R2003-45, R2007-37 and R2010-35 and removing the procedures and regulations from the original resolution (R2001-44) allows for future simplicity and transparency of the document. The repeal of the noted resolutions would be effective July 1, 2018.

City staff recommends the proposed increase in the environmental solid waste fee and the refuse collection and disposal charges fees as presented by the City's consultant be adopted with an effective date of July 1, 2018.

FISCAL REQUIREMENTS	CITY FUNDS:	\$0.00	BUDGETED:	\$0.00
	STATE FUNDS:	\$0.00	AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER:	\$0.00
	FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$0.00	IN CONTINGENCY:	\$0.00
	OTHER SOURCES:	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	FUNDING FOR THIS ITEM IS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT / FUND / CIP:	
	TOTAL:	\$0.00		
	FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION NOT ATTACHED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM THAT IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:			
	1. 2016 Water/Wastewater Capacity Fee Study 2. 3. 4. 5.			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	IF CITY COUNCIL ACTION INCLUDES A CONTRACT, LEASE OR AGREEMENT, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTING THE DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE AFTER CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL?			
	<input type="radio"/> Department <input type="radio"/> City Clerk's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Document to be recorded			
SIGNATURES	CITY ADMINISTRATOR:		DATE:	
	Gregory K. Wilkinson		3/14/2018	
	REVIEWED BY CITY ATTORNEY:		DATE:	
	Richard W. Files		3/14/2018	
	RECOMMENDED BY (DEPT/DIV HEAD):		DATE:	
Joel Olea		3/14/2018		
WRITTEN/SUBMITTED BY:		DATE:		