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resolution approving the 2005 monthly solid waste collection charge for multiunit dwellings with 5 or more units.

BACKGROUND

1. The 2001 Proposed Budget eliminated the apartment garbage collection service. During the 2001 Budget amendment process, an amendment was passed restoring the service and changing the Code to require that the fee imposed provide 100% recovery of the current cost of providing solid waste collection services.
2. Section 79-2-1-b-2 of the Milwaukee Code states "...the amount of the fee charged under this paragraph shall be determined on or before January 31 of each year by the commissioner of public works, subject to the approval of the common council."
3. The owners of multiunit dwellings with 5 or more units have the option of using the City or private contractors for solid waste collection. There are approximately 2,700 residential buildings in the City of Milwaukee with 5 units or more. The City provides solid waste collection to approximately 1,400 of these buildings.

DISCUSSION

1. The 2005 rates will increase approximately 6% for front load collections, 9% for rear load collections and 8% for cart collections. The increases can be attributed to higher wage, fringe benefit and fuel costs. The table below shows the 2004 and 2005 monthly rates.

Size	2004 Rate	2005 Rate
Front Load		
2- YD	\$25.09	\$26.61
3-YD	\$29.66	\$31.46
4-YD	\$30.97	\$32.85
6-YD	\$37.57	\$39.85
8-YD	\$49.57	\$52.58
Rear Load		
2-YD	\$37.73	\$41.25
Carts		
Cart	\$6.34	\$6.82

NOTE: All charges are per month, collection is weekly, and billing is quarterly.

FISCAL IMPACT

1. DPW received \$906,500 in revenue from apartment garbage collection in 2004.
2. DPW estimates it will receive approximately \$870,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collection in 2005.
3. For the 2005 Budget, the Comptroller's Office recognized \$800,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collection.

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