

LRB - FISCAL SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #011253 is a substitute resolution approving the 2002 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 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 2,800 residential buildings in the City of Milwaukee with 5 units or more. The City provides solid waste collection to approximately 1,600 of these buildings.
4. Resolution #001400, adopted on February 6, 2001, increased the rates to allow DPW to recover 100% of the costs of providing solid waste collection.

Discussion

1. There will be no change in the rates for 2002. When the 2001 rates were established, DPW projected it would lose 11% of its 2000 customers. The actual loss has been 3%. The revenue received from the greater than projected number of customers offsets the increase in 2002 costs.

Size	2002 Rate
Front Load	
2- YD	\$22.68
3-YD	\$26.81
4-YD	\$27.99
6-YD	\$33.96
8-YD	\$44.81
Rear Load	
2-YD	\$34.10
Carts	
Cart	5.73

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

Fiscal Impact

1. For the 2002 Budget, the Comptroller's Office has recognized \$800,000 as revenue from apartment garbage collection.
2. DPW anticipates it will receive \$907,741.30 as revenue from apartment garbage collection in 2002.

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