

# LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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File #080016 is a substitute

resolution approving the 2008 monthly solid waste collection charge for multiunit dwellings with 5 or more units.

## BACKGROUND

1. The 2001 Proposed Budget eliminated the garbage collection service to multiunit dwellings (apartment) with 5 units or more. 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 to multiunit dwellings.
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 2,660 residential buildings in the City of Milwaukee with 5 units or more. The City provides solid waste collection to approximately 50% of these buildings.
4. The last increase to the solid waste collection rates for multiunit dwellings with 5 or more units occurred in 2006.

## DISCUSSION

1. The 2008 rates will increase an average of approximately 30% for front load collections, 55% for rear load collections and 16% for cart collections. The proposed new rates reflect an increase in costs since the rate increase in 2006. The table below shows the 2006-07 and 2008 monthly rates.

Size	2006-07 Rate	2008 Rate
<b>Front Load</b>		
2- YD	\$39.66	\$52.00
3-YD	\$43.32	\$56.00
4-YD	\$46.98	\$61.00
6-YD	\$54.30	\$70.00
8-YD	\$61.62	\$79.00
<b>Rear Load</b>		
2-YD	\$54.00	\$84.00
<b>Carts</b>		
Cart	\$12.00	\$14.00

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

## FISCAL IMPACT

1. For the 2008 Budget, the Comptroller's Office recognized \$1,000,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collection.

2. DPW estimates that the increase in rates will annually generate an additional \$400,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collections.

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