

Reply to Common Council File No. 130777
From DOA Budget and Management Division

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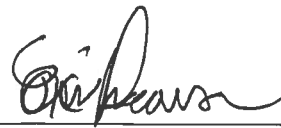
Common Council File 130777 contains an ordinance increasing the construction waste charge. This increase is part of Mayor Barrett's 2014 Proposed Budget.

Common Council File 091362 created a construction waste charge, implemented in 2010. This charge is \$15 per load not exceeding 8 cubic yards. The charge is assessed at the city's two area sanitation yards, referred to as Self-Help Centers. The fee is assessed specifically for construction waste, defined as waste resulting from demolition, alteration or repair, including roofing material, brick, stones, concrete, drywall, paneling and other construction material. At least one occupant of a vehicle depositing construction waste must have proof of residency in the City of Milwaukee. The 2013 revenue estimate for this fee is \$500,000 and the 2014 revenue estimate based on a \$15 fee per load is currently \$600,000.

The ordinance increases the construction waste charge from \$15 to \$20, a \$5 or 33% increase. This increase is part of the overall budget strategy of maintaining cost-recovery for activities so that they are not funded through the tax levy.

The estimated annual fiscal impact of this change is a \$387,000 increase in revenue. Actual 2014 budget revenue impact is dependent on Comptroller estimate and recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL FILE NUMBER
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