

# LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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resolution approving the 2004 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. The City does not provide special pick-ups for multiunit dwellings served by private contractors. 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 1,500 of these buildings.

## **DISCUSSION**

1. The 2004 rates will increase approximately 2.5% from the 2003 rates. Most of the increase can be attributed to the increase in the cost of fuel. The table below shows the 2003 and 2004 monthly rates.

Size	2003 Rate	2004 Rate
<b>Front Load</b>		
2- YD	\$24.47	\$25.09
3-YD	\$28.92	\$29.66
4-YD	\$30.20	\$30.97
6-YD	\$36.64	\$37.57
8-YD	\$48.34	\$49.57
<b>Rear Load</b>		
2-YD	\$36.79	\$37.73
<b>Carts</b>		
Cart	\$6.18	\$6.34

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

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

1. DPW received \$890,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collection in 2003.
2. DPW estimates it will receive approximately \$900,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collection in 2004.
3. For the 2004 Budget, the Comptroller's Office has recognized \$800,000 as

revenue from apartment garbage collection.

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