

LRB –RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

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FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File #090261 is a proposed substitute resolution establishing the 2010 Local Solid Waste Charge.

Background

1. The Solid Waste Charge was established in conjunction with the adoption of 2001 Budget. The 2001 fee was \$11 per quarter per dwelling unit (\$44 per year). The table below shows the adjustments to the annual charge since it was established in 2001.

Year	Amount
2001	\$44
2002	\$75
2006	\$132
2009	\$150.48

2. The 2010 proposed budget includes a revenue estimate for the Solid Waste Charge of \$32.3 million, an increase of \$3.75 million. This estimate assumes Common Council adoption of a substitute resolution (File #090261) establishing the 2010 Local Solid Waste Charge of \$42.57 per quarter (\$170.28 per year), an increase of \$4.95 per quarter (\$19.80 per year).

Discussion

1. This resolution establishes the 2010 Solid Waste Charge at \$42.97 (\$171.88 per year) per quarter per dwelling unit, reflecting a net \$1.60 increase from the amendments to the 2010 Proposed Budget that were passed by the Finance and Personnel Committee on October 29, 2009 .
2. The Budget Office estimates the 2010 Solid Waste Charge will recover 100% of the cost's related to solid waste collection. The 2009 Charge is estimated to recover 95% of the costs related to solid waste collection.

3. The table below shows the impact the amendments to the 2010 Proposed Budget, which were passed by the Finance and Personnel Committee on October 29, 2009 have on the Proposed 2010 Solid Waste charge.

	Solid Waste Fee	Amendment	Amount		Rate Effect
Current	\$150.48				
Proposed	\$170.28	Eliminate Outside Cart, 3 Weekend Collections, & Fall Clean Green	\$ 182,921		\$ 0.97
Council	\$171.87	3 Week Recycling	122,121	(net \$88,000 revenue)	0.64
Increase	\$1.59	Weekend Box	80,000		0.42
		Eliminate Area Manager	-84,760		(0.45)
Increase from Current	\$21.39	Total	\$ 300,282		\$ 1.59

Fiscal Impact

If this proposed substitute resolution is adopted, the 2010 Solid Waste Charge will generate approximately \$32.6 million, an increase of \$4.1 million from the estimated \$28.5 million the 2009 Solid Waste Charge will generate. As of November 2, 2009, the Comptroller' Office has recognized the \$32.3 in revenue from the 2010 Solid Waste Fee.

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