

LRB - FISCAL SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #021431 is a substitute resolution approving the 2003 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. 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 2003 rates will increase approximately 8% from the 2002 rates. Most of the increase can be attributed to two years of wage and fringe benefit increases. There was no increase in the 2002 rates from 2001. The table below shows the 2002 and 2003 rates.

Size	2002 Rate	2003 Rate
Front Load		
2- YD	\$22.68	\$24.47
3-YD	\$26.81	\$28.92
4-YD	\$27.99	\$30.20
6-YD	\$33.96	\$36.64
8-YD	\$44.81	\$48.34
Rear Load		
2-YD	\$34.10	\$36.79
Carts		
Cart	\$5.73	\$6.18

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

Fiscal Impact

1. DPW received \$857,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collection in 2002.
2. DPW estimates it will receive approximately \$900,000 in revenue from apartment garbage collection in 2003.

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