

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 13, 2016 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 20, 2016

DATE: August 17, 2016

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Consolidate, clarify, and otherwise amend sections of the City Code of Ordinances pertaining to Solid Waste collection.

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances regarding solid waste collection and disposal by clarifying definitions, combining sections, establishing a resource recovery fee for hazardous cart collection, and revising language where necessary; providing for severance, publication, and an effective date.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to streamline Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to solid waste collection, thereby adding and deleting language that brings the ordinance up to date with current collection practices, and clarifying sections that may have been previously misinterpreted. A new \$10 fee, per occurrence for non-scheduled cart collection, will be applied to an estimated 2,000 collection instances to offset collection costs.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Prior to this amendment, sections of Chapter 21 have been subject to misinterpretation, overly burdensome to accurately interpret. Solid Waste Code Enforcement personnel have been working with ambiguous and contradictory language that limits their effectiveness in issuing violations for improper set-out.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives to amending Chapter 21 of the City Code pertaining to Solid Waste Collection were identified.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

n/a

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The ordinance revisions comply with City Policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance and Utility Billing Office

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

□ Operating	X Revenue	□ Capital	□ Not applicable
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Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget	\$16,625,700	\$17,012.400	\$33,638,100
Encumbered / Expended			
Amount	n/a	n/a	n/a
This item	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
BALANCE	\$16,625,700	\$17,032,400	\$33,658,100

Fund(s): (Do not list Accounting streams, use names of accounts)

Comments: An additional \$20,000 in revenue is anticipated from the new \$10.00 fee for non-scheduled cart collection.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the ordinance revisions be approved as submitted.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance Presentation