



CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	March 21, 2024
SUBCATEGORY:	First Reading of Ordinances
DEPARTMENT NAME:	Public Works
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Amendment to Solid Waste Rates
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	<p>Bartow County Solid Waste recently notified Public Works that our tipping fees at the Bartow County Landfill will increase to cover future expansions, inflation, labor, and ever-changing regulations. This increase to the City will result in an increase in tipping fees of almost 59% from January of 2023 through September of 2028.</p> <p>Public Works recommends adopting new Solid Waste Rates through an ordinance amendment to address the increase.</p> <p>This amendment will decrease the base rate for residential solid waste rates and reflect an added fee based on estimated tipping fees at the Bartow County Landfill, which is currently estimated to be \$3.00 per average garbage cart/per month. All residential and commercial services with curbies will have an additional landfill fee provided on their monthly bill.</p> <p>In addition, we also recommend increasing most commercial solid waste rates, ranging from 2.5% to 15%, depending on the container size and dump frequency. We have adjusted these proposed fees to better align with other commercial rates.</p> <p>If approved, May utility bills will reflect this increase.</p>
LEGAL:	Reviewed by Archer & Lovell