



CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	April 4, 2024
SUBCATEGORY:	Second Reading of Ordinances
DEPARTMENT NAME:	Public Works
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Amendment to Ordinance Regarding Solid Waste Rates
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	<p>Public Works was recently notified by Bartow County Solid Waste that our tipping fees at the Bartow County Landfill will be increasing 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>To address this increase in fees, Public Works has recommended adopting new Solid Waste Rates through an ordinance amendment which can be provided.</p> <p>This amendment will lead to a decrease in base rate for residential solid waste rates but will reflect an added fee based on estimated tipping fees at the Bartow County Landfill. This fee is currently estimated to be \$3.00 per average garbage cart per month. Therefore, all residential and commercial services with curbies will have an additional Landfill Fee provided on their monthly bill.</p> <p>In addition, to address the increased costs of tipping fees and increased cost of operating fees, we recommend an increase in most commercial solid waste rates that range from 2.5% to 15%, depending on the container size and frequency of dumps. We have adjusted these proposed fees to be more in line with other commercial rates.</p> <p>If approved, this increase should be reflected in the May utility bills.</p>
LEGAL:	Reviewed by Archer & Lovell