

Montgomery City Council
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: July 27, 2021	Budgeted Amount: N/A
Department: Admin	Prepared By: Dave McCorquodale

Subject

Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following ordinance setting rates for solid waste collection service in the City:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE INSIDE THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS UPON WHICH SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOLLOWING PUBLICATION.

Recommendation

Adopt the Ordinance as presented.

Discussion

The previous agenda item was an extension of the current Waste Management contract for trash and recycling service in the City. If the contact extension was authorized by the City Council, the next step is to amend the rates charged to City utility customers to reflect current charges. City staff did not request a rate increase from City Council for 2020. Instead, the small administrative fee charged for trash customers was used to absorb the rate increase allowed under the Contract, negating the need to raise customer rates during the height of the CV-19 pandemic. Current and proposed fees are provided below for discussion.

WM Fees Charged to the City	
Current Fees	New Fees
Residential Cart = \$19.83	Residential Cart = \$20.64 (+4%)
Residential 2nd Cart = \$14.48	Residential 2nd Cart = \$8.00 (-45%)
Commercial Cart = \$19.83	Commercial Cart = \$25.64 (+29%)
Commercial 2nd Cart = \$14.48	Commercial 2nd Cart = \$8.00 (-45%)

Staff recommends the following garbage collection fee changes:

City Fees Charged to Residents	
Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Residential Cart = \$19.50	Residential Cart = \$21.16 (+8.5%)
Residential 2nd Cart = \$14.48	Residential 2nd Cart = \$8.00 (-45%)
Commercial Cart = \$20.98	Commercial Cart = \$26.28 (+25.3%)
Commercial 2nd Cart = \$14.48	Commercial 2nd Cart = \$8.00 (-45%)

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Both Residential and Commercial Proposed Fees for the first cart include a 2.5% administrative fee to cover staff time administering garbage collection service in the City. This fee primarily supports the Utility & Billing Office staff who coordinate with Waste Management and resolve resident issues as they arise. Other considerations of the 2.5% administrative fee include additional street wear from the large trucks and other City staff from Public Works and Administration who respond to issues with garbage collection service.

Approved By		
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