

CITY OF TWO RIVERS

RESOLUTION RE-ALLOCATING REVENUES FROM ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FROM LANDFILL MAINTENANCE TO URBAN FORESTRY AND TREE PLANTING

WHEREAS, the City Council on November 29, 1995 modified the fee structure for the City's Solid Waste Utility Fund (Fund 640), first implementing an Environmental Fee of \$2.00 per month for properties served by City garbage and recycling services, to aid in funding such services (\$1.90 per month) and to fund tree planting (\$.10 per month); and

WHEREAS, the City Council subsequently increased the Environmental Fee:

- By \$1.00 per month, effective January 1, 2005, with all revenue from that fee increase earmarked for the Landfill Capital Projects Fund (Fund 419) to fund DNR-mandated environmental studies and engineering work, as well as debt service on capital projects at the landfill site (installation of methane venting systems and leachate collection systems), and for ongoing operation of such systems;
- By \$0.50 per month effective January 1, 2007, and again by 50 cents effective January 1, 2010 with the additional revenues going to Fund 419 for the purposes described above;
- By \$1.00 per month, effective January 1, 2011, with 50 percent of the additional revenue directed to the Landfill Fund (419) and 50 percent to the Solid Waste Fund (640);
- By \$.50 per month, effective January 1, 2012, to maintain current levels of solid waste services in the face of a \$43,000 reduction in State funding for such services;
- By \$1.50 per month, effective January 1, 2020, to increase funding for Landfill Fund (\$1.25) and the Tree Planting Fund (\$0.25); and

WHEREAS, revenue from the Environmental Fee is currently distributed as follows:

- \$3.90 to the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 640)—\$234,000 annual revenue)
- \$2.75 to the Landfill Fund (Fund 419)—\$165,000 annual revenue
- \$.35 to the Tree Planting Fund (Fund 263)—\$21,000 annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, higher revenues from the Environmental Fee and lower expenses for utilities and maintenance activities in recent years have helped turn a deficit fund balance in the Landfill Fund into a positive fund balance projected to be \$100,000 at 2022 year-end; and

WHEREAS, this improved financial status of that fund coincides with increased funding needs for the Urban Forestry and Tree Planting funds, largely due to the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, consistent the adopted 2023 City Budget, that the allocation of Environmental Fee revenues be modified as follows, effective January 1, 2023:

- The portion allocated to the Landfill Fund be reduced to \$2.40; and
- The portion allocated to the Tree Planting Fund be increased to \$0.70 and made available for both Urban Forestry and Tree Planting; thereby providing an additional \$21,000 annually for those activities.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2022.

Councilmember

Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager