

## DPW – Street/Solid Waste Division

To: Alderperson Arnett and Public Works Commission Members

From: Stacy Winkelman

Date: May 6, 2026

Subject: Solid Waste Utility Rate Study

### Background

A solid waste utility rate study was started in 2025 and recently completed by the consulting firm Ehler’s Public Finance Advisors. Ariana Schmidt will be presenting the study at the meeting.

The last rate increase for solid waste and recycling services was October 1, 2019 when rates went from \$11.73 to \$14.08, our current monthly rate.

### Budget Goal

17-58-17-multiple

### Financial Impact

The monthly rate to residents funds nearly the entire solid waste and recycling division.

### Recommendation

Following Ehler’s recommendation with rate increases beginning January 1, 2027.