

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA # 5

**A G E N D A   R E P O R T**

DATE August 3, 2004

ITEM Resolution 9418, Establishing Sanitation Service Rates

INITIATED BY Fiscal Services Department

ACTION REQUESTED Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution 9418

PREPARED BY Martha Cappis, Operations Supervisor

APPROVED & PRESENTED BY Coleen Balzarini, City Controller

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Following the public hearing and barring sufficient protest, staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 9418, Establishing Sanitation Service Rates for FY 04/05.

**MOTION:** "I move the City Commission adopt Resolution 9418, Establishing Sanitation Service Rates for FY 04/05."

**SYNOPSIS:** OCCGF 8.32.350 requires the Commission to adopt a resolution establishing rates to defray the costs of sanitation services for the fiscal year. Overall, commercial sanitation rates will increase by 3%. On July 20, 2004, the City Commission set an August 3, 2004 public hearing date to hear anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed rates for sanitation service.

**BACKGROUND:** Staff proposes continuing the existing residential rates and adjusting the commercial rates to adequately provide sanitation service while covering the increased expenses in landfill and fuel costs. The residential sanitation rates were increased \$.25 per month for FY 03/04. The commercial sanitation rates were last increased by 3% for FY 02/03. Attached Exhibit A recaps existing and proposed rates. The proposed rates have been included in the FY 04/05 budget.