



**CITY OF GREAT FALLS**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**Item:** Establishing Sanitation Service Rates  
**From:** Martha Capps, Operations Supervisor  
**Initiated By:** Public Works and Fiscal Services  
**Presented By:** Coleen Balzarini, Fiscal Services Director  
**Action Requested:** Set Public Hearing

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission set a public hearing for December 2, 2008, on Resolution 9798 to Establish Sanitation Service Rates for FY 09”.

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Commission set a public hearing for December 2, 2008, on Resolution 9798 to Establish Sanitation Service Rates for FY 09.

**Background:** OCCGF 8.32.350 requires the Commission to adopt a resolution establishing rates to defray the costs of sanitation services for the fiscal year. At this time, staff recommends increasing service rates for the Recycling Center approximately 25%, and the commercial rate for the 3 yard Commercial Drop Box service would increase from \$32.50 to \$40.00. Staff proposes adjusting the sanitation rates to adequately provide service while covering the expenses largely due to the increase in fuel and equipment costs. As the fiscal year continues, staff will monitor the Sanitation budget closely to insure the current residential and commercial rates are adequate to cover costs. In the future, it may be necessary to bring proposed increases for these services to the Commission for approval.

**Concurrences:** Representatives from Public Works, Budget, and Fiscal Services work together throughout the process.

**Fiscal Impact:** The rate increases are necessary to continue providing adequate service and disposal of recyclable items, otherwise other recycling services may need to be decreased.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could choose to not set the public hearing and thereby deny Resolution 9798.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Resolution 9798

Cc: Rick Schott, Public Works  
Jim Rearden, Public Works