



**Item:** Public Hearing on Resolution 9798, Establishing Sanitation Service Rates for FY 09

**From:** Martha Capps, Operations Supervisor

**Initiated By:** Public Works and Fiscal Services Departments

**Presented By:** Coleen Balzarini, Fiscal Services Director

**Action Requested:** Conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution 9798

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**Public Hearing:**

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for opponents and proponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (adopt/deny) Resolution 9798.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls for the vote.
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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 9798 and 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 make the Citizen's Convenience Center financially viable. The increased rates will help ensure that all of the users of the facility (County residents, Montana Waste customers and City Sanitation Customers) pay for the operation of the center. It has previously been subsidized by City Sanitation customers alone.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could choose deny Resolution 9798.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Resolution 9798

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