



Item: Resolution 9893, Establishing Sanitation Service Rates effective August 9, 2010

From: Martha Capps, Operations Supervisor

Initiated By: Public Works and Fiscal Services

Presented By: Coleen Balzarini, Fiscal Services Director & Jim Rearden, Public Works

Action Requested: Conduct public hearing

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 9893 establishing sanitation service rates effective April 9, 2010.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls for the vote.
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Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Commission conduct the public hearing and adopt Resolution 9893 to establish sanitation service rates effective April 9, 2010.

Background: Each year, staff reviews and analyzes the financing needs of the sanitation fund to ensure the City has adequate funding necessary for day to day operations, and provide for any capital improvements, emergencies, or replacements. These funds also provide the financing to run the Citizens Convenience Center. OCCGF 8.32.350 requires the Commission to adopt a resolution establishing rates to defray the costs of sanitation services for the fiscal year.

Staff proposes adjusting the sanitation rates to adequately provide service while covering the expenses largely due to the increase in fuel and equipment costs. It is recommended to increase residential service rates by 3%, convenience center rates 50%, and no increase to commercial rates. The last residential and commercial rate increase was in May of 2007.

Concurrences: Public Works and Fiscal Services staff collaborates on past accomplishments and future estimates throughout the rate review process. Staff's proposal is then presented to the City Manager for consideration prior to forwarding to the City Commission for deliberation.

Fiscal Impact: Comparisons of current versus proposed charges are attached. The rate increases are necessary to continue providing adequate pickup and disposal services.

Alternatives: The City Commission could choose to deny Resolution 9893, and sanitation service rates would remain at the existing rates.

Attachments/Exhibits: A. Current versus proposed service rates
B. Resolution 9893

Cc: Ross Bartell, Public Works
Jim Rearden, Public Works