

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 1, 2007
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE CITY'S COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, YARD DEBRIS AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

ISSUE: Increase the residential refuse fee.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the Resolution as part of the adoption of the FY 2008 budget.

DISCUSSION: The residential refuse fee is recommended in the City Manager's Proposed FY 2008 Operating Budget to increase by \$27, from \$237 per household to \$264 per household, to continue the City's policy of 100 percent cost recovery of the full cost of residential refuse collection and disposal.

The residential refuse collection fee is charged on the real estate tax bill for all eligible homeowners who receive City refuse collection services. Homeowners who are eligible and who apply for real estate tax relief are exempt from the fee. The fee rate is set at the level necessary to recover the direct cost of weekly residential refuse collection, residential recycling collection and annual one-time spring clean-up collections, which are services only provided to City refuse collection customers. The rate proposed for FY 2008 is \$264 per household. The fee does not include the cost of leaf collection, which is funded by General Fund revenues and provided on all City public streets. Nor does it include the cost of recycling drop-off centers, which are also funded by the General Fund and available to all residents.

FISCAL IMPACT: This fee will increase the amount of revenue generated to recover the cost of residential refuse collection by \$469,095, from \$4,088,543 in FY 2007 to \$4,557,638 in FY 2008.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

STAFF:
Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
Bruce Johnson, Director, OMB
Morgan Routt, Budget Analyst, OMB

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 5-1-34(a), City Council is required from time to time, to set by resolution the annual fee that is to be paid by the owners of "required user property," as defined in Section 5-1-2 (12b) of the City Code, for the City's collection and disposal of solid waste, ashes and yard debris from their properties during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2182, adopted April 24, 2006, City Council set the annual fee for such collection and disposal services at \$237.00; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to increase the annual fee for such collection and disposal services to \$264.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

1. That, beginning in fiscal year 2008, the annual charge for the collection and disposal of solid waste, ashes and yard debris from required user properties shall be \$264.00 per household, with each single-family, two-family and row dwelling in the City, and each separate dwelling unit in a building or structure in the City that contains four or fewer dwelling units, constituting a "household."

2. That the annual fee established in Section 1 above shall apply to collection and disposal services provided by the City during fiscal year 2008 and, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.

3. That Resolution No. 2182 is hereby repealed

4. That this resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of adoption.

ADOPTED: May 7, 2007

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jackie M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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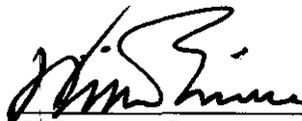
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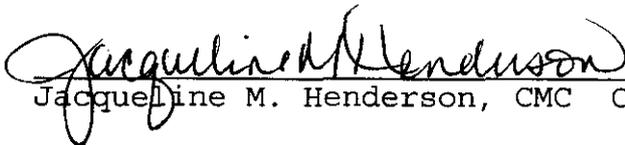
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