


*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 2, 2008

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

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**ISSUE:** Increase the residential refuse fee.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council adopt the Resolution (Attachment 1) as part of the adoption of the FY 2009 budget.

**DISCUSSION:** The residential refuse fee was recommended in the City Manager's Proposed FY 2009 operating budget to increase by \$17, from \$264 per household to \$281 per household, to continue the City's policy of 100 percent cost recovery of the full cost of residential refuse collection and disposal. As part of the City Council's budget add/delete process, the fee was expanded to include the recovery of leaf collection costs in the cost of residential refuse collection and disposal. As a result, the fee will be increased by another \$20 to \$301 for FY 2009. This \$37 total annual increase will be billed starting with the second half of 2008 real estate tax billing that is due this coming November.

**ATTACHMENT:** Proposed Council Resolution.

**STAFF:**  
Bruce Johnson, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Rich Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 2226, adopted May 7, 2007, City Council set the annual fee for such collection and disposal services at \$264.00; 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 \$301.00;

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

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2. That the annual fee established in Section 1 above shall apply to collection and disposal services provided by the City during fiscal year 2009 and, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.

3. That Resolution No. 2226 is hereby repealed

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

ADOPTED: May 5, 2008

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jackie M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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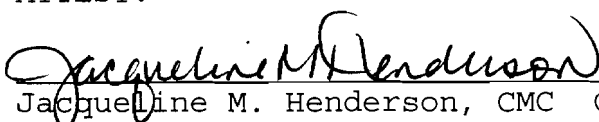
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