



Memorandum

Date: 7/18/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-099
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Approval a Contract Amendment to the Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Organics Collection Contract

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD) is changing the rate structure for the disposal of municipal solid waste at the county landfill. Currently, most of KCSWD revenue is derived from its per-ton fee for waste disposed of at county facilities. As the County implements its aggressive waste reduction programs (RE+), revenues will be reduced significantly. As a result, the County has restructured the rate to include a Fixed Annual Charge for each City based on their share of system tonnage, and a reduced basic per ton fee. This restructure is intended to collect the same revenue as the status quo, but in a more stable way without shifting costs between cities. However, this will require cities and waste haulers to update the disposal component terms in their collection contracts. This amendment to the Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Organics Collection Contract allows the contractor to collect the Fixed Annual Charge for payment to King County Solid Waste.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, King County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement, Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

In 2022, King County Council approved the new King County Solid Waste Rate structure that includes the Fixed Annual Charge. The King County Council delayed implementation until Jan 1, 2024, to give cities time to amend their hauler contracts to accommodate this new rate structure. This amendment has been agreed to by our contracted City hauler, WM.

OUTCOMES:

This contract amendment will allow the contractor to bill residents for their share of the City's Fixed Annual Charge over the course of each year. The Fixed Annual Charge amount will be paid to King County Solid Waste by the contractor. This rate restructure does not increase resident or business rates as it is accompanied by a reduction in the per ton fee, or tip fee charged by King County.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

N/A

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

N/A

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes

☒ No

☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☒ No

☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/5/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Approve

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

Amendments to City Solid Waste contracts are required to be completed by September 1st in order to accommodate the King County rate restructure. Beginning January 1, 2024, King County will implement the new Fixed Annual Charge, and cities will be required to pay the FAC.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, our current contracted rates do not allow for the collection of the Fixed Annual Charge. If not approved, the City could again petition the King County Council to delay implementation of the Fixed Annual Charge.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Contract Amendment

Attachment B: Contract Attachment A

Attachment C: Fixed Annual Charge example calculation