

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 110 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Solid Waste commercial rates and proposed operational changes.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The City Council of the City of New Braunfels as established an ordinance containing rules, regulations, policies, and rate provisions affecting solid waste within the City limits and collection and disposal of same (Chapter 110 "Solid Waste", Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels). In 2010 Council approved the establishment of the Solid Waste Rate Model, for monitoring and making recommendations on changing or amending the Solid Waste rates. In FY 13/14 the rate model was reviewed and updated due to some commercial process improvements and new services. In FY 16/17 as part of an ongoing effort to more equitably distribute the required full cost of service recovery Council approved the first of three possible 8.5% commercial rate adjustments in the Solid Waste Ordinance, along with some operational changes.

If approved by Council, the second 8.5% adjustment in commercial rates to continue to bring that line of business closer to the required full cost of service recovery will be in FY 17/18. The requested operational changes consist of; increasing the cost of a private hauler permit in FY18/19 from \$600 to \$2,000 per truck per year to begin to more evenly distribute the cost of street maintenance for usage by private solid waste collection vehicles. Improving our dumpster enclosure and vehicle access requirements, over the years the minimal detail has resulted in service issues. The addition of some new fees for requested or required services such as the need for cleaning of the container or the enclosure area due to odor, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, the need for repair after a fire in the container, assistance to remove unauthorized or oversized items from the container, or there is excess garbage that extends above the rim of the container.

If approved, staff recommends an implementation date of April 1, 2018

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The 8.5% rate adjustment in the commercial line of business will generate approximately \$ 25,000 in revenue per month.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 110 "Solid Waste" of the Code of Ordinances as relating to the Solid Waste Commercial rates and proposed operational changes.