



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 25, 2009**

DATE: March 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Adopt an increase in the annual permit fee for refuse disposal equipment and a related change to the Arlington County Code, Chapter 10, Section 8(e).

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt an amendment to Chapter 10, Article 1 (Refuse) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, that increases the annual refuse disposal equipment permit fee from sixty dollars (\$60) to seventy-five dollars (\$75).

ISSUE: Should the County increase the annual permit fee for refuse disposal equipment in order to realize revenues necessary to finance expenses in the FY 2010 budget?

DISCUSSION: The FY 2010 budget includes increases in the County's costs for inspecting and permitting refuse collection equipment on an annual basis. In order to keep the cost of inspecting and permitting refuse collection equipment 100 percent covered by fees, it is recommended that the Board increase the current fee from \$60 to \$75 and change the County Code accordingly.

County Code, Chapter 10, Section 7(c), requires an annual inspection and issuance of permit for the use of equipment to collect and haul refuse in the County. The current permit fee has not been increased since FY1993 and does not capture the cost to the County of administering and performing the required inspections. In FY08, three-hundred and seventy-four refuse collection vehicles and compactors were inspected and permitted in a two month period. The fees generated \$17,156 in revenue that paid, in part, for the administration and inspections of the equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed fee increase is included in the FY 2010 budget. The additional revenue covers the cost of the permitting process.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Erik Grabowsky and Carolyn Gershfeld, DES

Attachment A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 10 (GARBAGE, REFUSE AND WEEDS) OF ARLINGTON COUNTY CODE RELATING TO INCREASE IN REFUSE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT PERMIT FEE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009 BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 10, Article 1 of the Arlington County Code is amended, reenacted, and recodified as follows, effective July 1, 2009:

10-8. Refuse collection and disposal charges; relief from such charges.

(e) Applicants for a refuse permit, as provided in section 10-7, shall pay at the time of application for the permit an annual fee of ~~sixty (\$60.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each refuse vehicle and an additional ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~ seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per permit for each container used to transport refuse.