



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of February 12, 2011**

DATE: January 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Authorize the advertisement of a public hearing regarding a proposed FY 2012 Household Solid Waste Rate decrease.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to be held on March 24, 2011, to consider a proposed amendment, as shown in Attachment A, to Chapter 10, Article 1 (Refuse) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia to decrease the annual Household Solid Waste Rate from \$344.24 to \$325.72.

ISSUES: Should the County decrease the Household Solid Waste Rate by \$18.52 per household to a total rate of \$325.72 per household per year, in order to pass on cost savings to County residents?

SUMMARY: The FY 2012 proposed budget reflects reductions in the County's costs for refuse collection and refuse disposal and a projected increase in revenue from the sale of recycled materials. The lower costs and higher revenue allows for the Household Solid Waste rate to be decreased \$18.52 per household per year.

BACKGROUND: The decrease in the Household Solid Waste Rate is based on the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Bureau's FY 2012 proposed budget that includes a reduction in the cost of refuse collection as a result of lower contract costs and a reduction in refuse disposal costs due to an increase in recycling.

DISCUSSION: The Household Solid Waste Rate is able to be reduced in FY 2012 due to lower projected collection and disposal costs at the Waste-to-Energy plant, and increased revenue from the sale of recycled materials, partially offset by increases in personnel and non-personnel costs. The annual cost to residents for the full cost recovery of services in FY 2012 would decrease \$18.52 per household, from \$344.24 to \$325.72.

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff:

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FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed Household Solid Waste Rate (HSWR) for FY 2012 is \$325.72, an \$18.52 or 5.4% decrease. The proposed HSWR would generate \$10.57 million in FY 2012.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 10 (GARBAGE, REFUSE AND WEEDS) OF ARLINGTON COUNTY CODE RELATING TO A DECREASE IN THE HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE RATE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011.

- I. **BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, that Chapter 10, Article 1 of the Arlington County Code is amended, reenacted, and recodified as follows, effective July 1, 2011:

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

(a) There is hereby imposed for each single-family residential dwelling and each unit of duplex residential dwelling an annual charge of ~~three hundred forty-four dollars and twenty-four cents (\$344.24)~~ three hundred twenty-five dollars and seventy-two cents (\$325.72) billed quarterly, beginning with the quarter of July 1, ~~2010~~ 2011, through September 30, ~~2010~~ 2011, for refuse collection and disposal and recycling by Arlington County.

- II. The remaining sections and subsections of Chapter 10 of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia not amended hereby shall remain in effect as previously enacted.