



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

DATE: February 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Request to advertise a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Arlington County Code, Chapter 10, Section 8f, for a reduction in fees associated with the disposal of household appliances.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to be held on March 24, 2011, to consider a proposed amendment, as shown on Attachment A, to Chapter 10, Article 1 (Refuse) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, to decrease the disposal fee for household appliances from twenty dollars (\$20) to ten dollars (\$10).

ISSUE: Should the County decrease the fee for disposing of household appliances since charges for such services are included and paid elsewhere as part of the refuse and recycling contract charges in the FY12 budget?

SUMMARY: The FY 2012 budget includes in the Household Solid Waste Rate contractual charges for the disposal of unwanted household appliances. However, there are still administrative costs associated with such disposal and the \$10 proposed disposal fee would cover those costs.

BACKGROUND: County Code, Chapter 10, Section 8f describes specific fees for the removal of unwanted household appliances that have been placed curbside by residents who receive refuse services from the County. In the past, this fee revenue was used to offset the charges for County staff to collect and dispose of these items. In FY 2012, the responsibility for the collection and disposal service has become part of a general contract for collecting the County's recyclables. The charges for this service are now imbedded in the contract rates paid for by the Household Solid Waste Rate. However the Department of Environmental Services still arranges for the special collection so there would be a small fee necessary to offset the administrative costs associated.

County Manager:

BMD/mjs

County Attorney:

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Staff: Michael Clem and Carolyn Gershfeld, DES

DISCUSSION: None

FISCAL IMPACT: This fee adjustment is included as part of the FY 2012 proposed Household Solid Waste Rate which is a rate designed to recover the cost of services provided. This revenue adjustment (\$27,250) is included in the County Manager's Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget.

Attachment A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 10 (GARBAGE, REFUSE AND WEEDS) OF ARLINGTON COUNTY CODE RELATING TO A DECREASE IN DISPOSAL FEE FOR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, 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.

(f) Homeowners requesting pickup and disposal of household appliances shall be charged a fee of ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) for the first item and ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ no charge for each additional item as part of the same service order at the same address, effective July 1, 2011.

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- 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.