



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of April 16, 2011

DATE: March 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Adopt an amendment to Arlington County Code, Chapter 10, Section 8f, to reduce fees associated with the disposal of household appliances from \$20 per item to \$10 per service order at the same address.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the 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), and eliminate the additional fee for more than one item per service order.

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 FY 2012 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.

DISCUSSION: 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 will be part of a general contract for collecting the County's recyclables. The charges for this service will be imbedded in the contract rates paid for by the Household Solid Waste Rate. However, the Department of Environmental Services will still arrange for the

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special collection so there would be a small fee necessary to offset the administrative costs associated with the program.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed fee change is included in the FY 2012 Household Solid Waste Rate (\$325.72/year/household) and is included in the FY 2012 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:

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, ~~1998~~ 2011.

- 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.