



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of February 11, 2012**

DATE: January 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Authorize the advertisement of a public hearing regarding a proposed FY 2013 Household Solid Waste Rate decrease.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize advertisement of a public hearing to be held on March 22, 2012, 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 \$325.72 to \$293.92.

ISSUES: Should the County decrease the Household Solid Waste Rate by \$31.80 per household to a total rate of \$293.92 per household per year, in order to pass on cost savings to County residents?

SUMMARY: The FY 2013 proposed budget reflects a significant reduction in the County's cost for refuse disposal at the Waste-to-Energy Plant 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 \$31.80 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 2013 budget that includes an increase in recycling revenue and a significant reduction in refuse disposal cost due to the new waste disposal agreement between Arlington and Alexandria and Covanta Arlington/Alexandria.

DISCUSSION: The Household Solid Waste Rate is able to be reduced in FY 2013 due to lower disposal costs at the Waste-to-Energy plant and increased revenue from the sale of recycled materials partially offset by increases in personnel, refuse and recycling contract costs and other non-personnel costs. The annual cost to residents for full recovery of services in FY 2013 would decrease \$31.80 per household from \$325.72 to \$293.92.

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: Erik Grabowsky and Carolyn Gershfeld

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed Household Solid Waste Rate for FY 2013 is \$293.92 a \$31.80 or a 9.8% decrease. The proposed Household Solid Waste Rate would generate \$9.54 million in FY 2013.

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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 HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE RATE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012.

- I. **BE IT ORDAINED** that Chapter 10, Article 1 of the Arlington County Code is amended, reenacted, and recodified as follows, effective July 1, 2012:

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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 twenty-five dollars and seventy-two cents (\$325.72)~~ two hundred ninety-three dollars and ninety-two cents (\$293.92) billed quarterly, beginning with the quarter of July 1, ~~2011-2012~~, through September 30, ~~2011-2012~~, 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.