



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of February 23, 2007**

**DATE:** February 1, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the advertisement of a public hearing for a proposed FY 2009 Household Solid Waste increase.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize advertisements of a public hearing on the proposed amendment to Chapter 10, Article I (Refuse) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, to be held on March 27, 2008. The amendment, if approved, would increase the annual Household Solid Waste Rate to a maximum of \$306.56.

**ISSUE:** As part of the regular budget process, authorization from the County Board is being requested to advertise a public hearing on whether the County should increase the Household Solid Waste Rate by not more than \$10.76 per household to a maximum total rate of no more than \$306.56 per household per year, in order to realize revenues necessary to finance expenses in the FY 2009 Proposed Budget.

**SUMMARY:** The FY 2009 Proposed Budget includes increases in the County's costs for curbside recycling and refuse collection. In order to keep the cost of collection and disposal of household solid waste and residential recycling 100 percent covered by fees, the FY 2009 Proposed Budget includes a maximum increase of \$10.76 in the Household Solid Waste Rate (HSWR), resulting in a rate of no more than \$306.56 per household per year.

**BACKGROUND:** The increase in the Household Solid Waste Rate is based on the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Bureau's FY 2009 proposed budget that includes increases for annual salary step adjustments, non-discretionary contractual increases, fuel cost increases, a projected increase for disposal charges at the Waste-to-Energy plant, and Department of Environmental Services and County indirect costs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** A rate increase in the Household Solid Waste Rate of \$10.76 or 3.6 percent was included in the FY 2009 County Manager's Proposed Budget. The resulting annual HSWR rate of \$306.56 per household would raise \$9.86 million in Fiscal Year 2009 and continue the practice of 100% recovery of the cost of household solid waste collection.

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 HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE RATE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008 BE IT ORDAINED** that Chapter 10, Article 1 of the Arlington County Code is amended, reenacted, and recodified as follows, effective July 1, 2008:

**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 ~~two hundred ninety five dollars and eighty cents (\$295.80)~~ three hundred six dollars and fifty-six cents (\$306.56) billed quarterly, beginning with the quarter of July 1, ~~2007~~ 2008, through September 30, ~~2007~~ 2008, for refuse collection and disposal and recycling by Arlington County.