



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: 2023-0310

Substitute

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Public Works - Sanitation

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Districts

Sanitation Department increase in Commercial, Landfill and Tipping Fees

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PURPOSE:

To approve Sanitation’s proposed increase in commercial, landfill and transfer station fees (see attached) and a tentatively scheduled effective date of May 1st for the proposed fee change.

NEED/IMPACT:

Sanitation has not increased its fees in more than a decade and commercial, landfill, and transfer station fees are lower than industry competitors. Additionally, to maintain service, Sanitation has exhausted reserves and requires additional funds in order to sustain operations and complete necessary capital investment.

The commercial, landfill and transfer station fee increases will be used to fund:

- (1) the increasing cost of operations
- (2) additional positions
- (3) increases in driver wages
- (4) vehicle replacement costs
- (5) capital and debt needs
- (6) re-establish a 2-month reserve of operating expenses
- (7) a post-closure fund
- (8) phase 2 landfill expansion costs

The fee increases are a key variable in contributing to the implementation of Sanitation’s \$111M in capital needs and return to a self-sustaining enterprise fund. Capital needs primarily consists of landfill expansion and upgrades but also includes a gas collection and control system, transfer station upgrades, and a compressed natural gas fuel station.

Animal Crematorium (Not DeKalb County Resident)	Per Animal	\$5 - \$10	\$	100.00
Animal Crematorium (DeKalb County Resident)	Per Animal	\$5 - \$10	\$	25.00



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No residential fees have been increased.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed fee increases are estimated to increase Sanitation's revenue from approximately \$79 million a year to \$104 million a year.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the proposed fee increases (attached) effective DATE, and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents. Sanitation Fee Tables attached.

Special Collection Fees:

	Rate Period	Current FY 2022	Proposed Fee FY 2023
Special Collections Pay Load	Minimum or Per Load	\$50.00 (Minimum) \$100.00 (Load)	\$100.00 (Minimum) \$225.00 (Load)
Replacement/Damaged/Stolen roll cart		MKT Price (\$42.50 - \$60.55)	MKT Price
Roll Cart Upgrade Fee Recycling (35 gallon to 65 gallon)	Per Container	\$15	\$25
Garbage (65 gallon to 95 gallon)	Per Container	\$15	\$25
Additional Roll Cart – Recycling or Garbage	Per Container	\$15	\$25
Tree Parts Greater than 3-inch diameter	Minimum or Per Load	\$50.00 (Minimum) \$100.00 (Load)	\$200.00 (Minimum) \$450.00 (Load)

Commercial Roll Off Container Fees:

		Current	Proposed
		FY 2022	Commercial
	<u>Service</u>		Charges
	<u>Frequency</u>		FY 2023
Roll Off Fees			
	2-week rental		
10-yard	Fee per pull	\$ 120.00	\$ 226.00
20-yard		\$ 240.00	\$ 451.00
30-yard		\$ 360.00	\$ 677.00
40-yard		\$ 480.00	\$ 902.00
Commercial Special Collections			
Pay Load Service	Per Load	\$ 100.00	\$ 451.00

*pickup and return empty roll off container – rental rate is applied each time

Commercial Garbage Fees:

	<u>Weekly Service Frequency</u>	Current FY 2022	Proposed Commercial Charges FY 2023
Commercial Front Load (Dumpster) Fees		Monthly	Monthly
3-yard	1 pick up	\$ 65.52	\$ 98.00
4-yard	1 pick up	\$ 87.36	\$ 130.00
6-yard	1 pick up	\$ 131.04	\$ 195.00
8-yard	1 pick up	\$ 174.72	\$ 215.00
3-yard	2 pick ups	\$ 131.04	\$ 196.00
4-yard	2 pick ups	\$ 174.72	\$ 260.00
6-yard	2 pick ups	\$ 262.08	\$ 390.00
8-yard	2 pick ups	\$ 349.44	\$ 430.00
3-yard	3 pick ups	\$ 196.56	\$ 294.00
4-yard	3 pick ups	\$ 262.08	\$ 390.00
6-yard	3 pick ups	\$ 393.12	\$ 585.00
8-yard	3 pick ups	\$ 524.16	\$ 645.00
6-yard	4 pick ups	\$ 524.16	\$ 780.00
8-yard	4 pick ups	\$ 698.88	\$ 860.00
6-yard	5 pick ups	\$ 655.20	\$ 975.00
8-yard	5 pick ups	\$ 873.60	\$ 1,075.00
6-yard	6 pick ups	\$ 786.24	\$ 1,170.00
8-yard	6 pick ups	\$ 1,048.32	\$ 1,290.00

*Note: \$75 delivery and \$75 pick-up fee
not included – prepayment required
before container delivery*

Commercial Fees:

	<u>Weekly Service Frequency</u>	Current FY 2022	Proposed Commercial Charges FY 2023
Commercial Hand Pickup (Garbage Roll-Carts) Fees		Monthly	Monthly
(2) 95 Gallon	2 pickups per week	\$ 34.00 (\$408 annual)	\$ 46.00 (\$552.00 annual)
(3) 95 Gallon	2 pickups per week	\$ 51.00 (\$612 annual)	\$ 63.00 (\$756.00 annual)
<i>Note: 2&3 – 95 gallon roll-cart rate is the same for rate for residential</i>			
<i>Note: No Yard Debris Collection Service or Recycling Service</i>			
Commercial Hand Pickup (Recycling) Fees			
1 roll-cart	Monthly	\$30.00	\$35.00
2 roll-carts		\$30.00	\$40.00
3 roll-carts		\$47.00	\$57.00
4 roll-carts		\$54.00	\$64.00
Compactor Fees		Per Pull	
25-yd Compactor		\$ 300.00	\$ 405.00
30-yd Compactor	2-week service	\$ 400.00	\$ 459.00
30-yd Compactor (Private)	required	\$ 400.00	\$ 540.00
40-yd Compactor		\$ 420.00	\$ 567.00
<i>Note: \$75 delivery and \$75 pickup fee</i>			

Commercial Recycling Fees:

	<u>Weekly Service Frequency</u>	Current FY 2022	Proposed Commercial Charges FY 2023
Commercial Carboard Recycling Fees		Monthly	Monthly
6-yard Dumpster (Scheduled Collection)	1 pick up	\$ 45.00	\$ 110.00
6-yard Dumpster (Scheduled Collection)	2 pick ups	\$ 90.00	\$ 215.00
6-yard Dumpster (Scheduled Collection)	3 pick ups	\$ 135.00	\$ 325.00
6-yard Dumpster (Scheduled Collection)	4 pick ups	\$ 180.00	\$ 435.00
6-yard Dumpster (Scheduled Collection)	5 pick ups	\$ 225.00	\$ 545.00

Note: \$75 delivery and \$75 pick up fee not included prepayment required before container delivery

Landfill and Transfer Station Fees:

		Current	Proposed Landfill
	<u>Fee Unit</u>	FY 2022	Charges
			FY 2023
Seminole Road Landfill Tipping Fees			
Cost / Ton	Ton	\$ 33.00	\$ 95.00
Municipal Disposal	Ton	\$ 33.00	\$ 95.00
Minimum Scale Fee - Any Material up to 999 lbs.	Weighted	\$ 16.50	\$ 48.00
Any Material Crossing the Scales up to 999 lbs	Ton	\$ 33.00	\$ 95.00
Minimum Processing Fee	Each	\$ 5.00	\$ 14.00
Appliance Containing Freon	Each	\$ 16.50	\$ 48.00
Industrial / Commercial	Ton	\$ 33.00	\$ 95.00
Construction and Demolition Material	Ton	\$ 33.00	\$ 95.00
Yard Trimmings, Trees and Inert Materials	Ton	\$ 33.00	\$ 95.00
Municipal Sludge and Contaminated Soils	Ton	\$ 33.00	\$ 95.00
Asbestos Waste (\$200 min) + per ton charge	Hole Preparation	\$ 233.00	\$ 200.00 + tonnage charge fee
Residential Tires	Each	\$ 1.00	\$ 10.00
<i>Note: tires are now \$400 + per ton for recycling</i>			
Central and East Transfer Stations			
Tipping Fees			
Municipal Disposal	Ton	\$ 36.00	\$ 100.00
Industrial / Commercial / Yard Debris	Ton	\$ 36.00	\$ 100.00
Animal Crematorium (Not DeKalb County Resident)	Per Animal	\$5 - \$10	\$ 100.00
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North Transfer Station Tipping Fees			
Municipal Disposal	Ton	\$ 38.00	\$ 100.00
Industrial / Commercial / Yard Debris	Ton	\$ 38.00	\$ 100.00