

City Council



Agenda Item

Subject: Approval of Resolution #22-51 amending the Solid Waste Rate Schedule.

Meeting: City Council - Nov 21 2022

From: Heath VonEye, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2020, AE2S Engineering completed a Solid Waste Rate Study for the City of Watertown. The Study recommendations were presented to the City Council November 2, 2020. These recommendations included increasing the Monthly Residential Solid Waste Collection Fee and Landfill Tipping Fees in 2021 and a second increase to the Monthly Residential Solid Waste Collection Fee in 2022.

Resolution #22-51 increases the Monthly Residential Solid Waste Collection Fee from \$12.50 per month to \$13.00 per month, effective February 1, 2023. Resolution #22-51 completes the rate amendments recommended by the 2020 Rate Study.

The 2020 Rate Study recommended that the City revisit the Solid Waste Rate Model routinely to determine if rates are adequate based on actual revenue requirements. Going forward, the Solid Waste Department will schedule an update of the rate model annually to ensure revenues are adequate.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution #22-51 amending the Solid Waste Rate Schedule.

STAFF REFERENCE(S):

Craig Mitchell, Kristen Bobzien, Mike Boerger

ATTACHMENT(S):

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-51

A Resolution Amending the Rate Schedule for Users of the Solid Waste System

WHEREAS, Chapter 11.04, Garbage and Rubbish, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Watertown requires the City Council to set the rates to be charged for the use of residential solid waste collection and landfill services, by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. Y-3129 on December 1st, 1997; Resolution No. 15-04 on January 20th, 2015; Resolution No. 20-49 on November 2, 2020 and Resolution No. 21-49 on November 15, 2021, establishing new tipping fees for landfill service; and

WHEREAS, the rates established by Resolution No. 21-49 are hereby found to be outdated and in need of adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, City of Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota, as follows:

Section 1.

The City's residential solid waste collection and landfill rates shall hereafter be as follows:

- (a) The regular residential refuse, compost and recycling user charge for each household or living unit shall be \$13.00 per month.
- (b) The landfill user charge shall be \$44.00 per ton for all material delivered to the Sub-title D pit. Any inadequately secured load shall be charged the rate of \$88.00 per ton for Sub-title D delivered material. Three dollars per ton of the Sub-title D user charge shall be allocated to the Landfill Land Acquisition Fund.
- (c) The landfill user charge shall be \$25.00 per ton for material delivered to the compost area, white goods area or tree area. Any inadequately secured load shall be charged the rate of \$50.00 per ton for delivered non Sub-title D material.
- (d) Any delivered Sub-title D materials from outside of the established landfill service area shall be subject to an additional charge of \$14.00 per ton.

Effective Date: These rates shall be effective for the February 1, 2023 billing.

Section 2.

Any resolutions previously adopted by the City Council that conflict with this resolution are hereby expressly repealed.

Dated at Watertown, South Dakota this 21st day of November, 2022.

The above and foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Alderperson _____, seconded by Alderperson _____, and upon roll call all voted aye whereupon the Mayor declared the resolution to be duly passed and adopted.

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 22-51 was published in the Watertown Public Opinion, the official newspaper of said City, on the 26th day of November, 2022.

Attest:

City of Watertown

Kristen Bobzien
Finance Officer

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Mayor