



Mayor & Council Meeting Date: May 1, 2017
Agenda Item Type: Adoption
Department: Finance
Responsible Staff: Stacey Webster

Subject

Adoption of a Resolution to Establish the Service Charge Rate for Municipal Refuse Collection and to Establish a Charge for Unreturned Refuse and Recycling Carts Pursuant to Section 20-6 of the Rockville City Code

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council introduce the Resolution to establish the service charge rate for Municipal Refuse Collection and to establish a charge for unreturned refuse and recycling carts pursuant to Section 20-6 of the Rockville City Code.

Change in Law or Policy

Setting the refuse rate for FY 2018 requires the passage of the attached resolution. This resolution was introduced on February 27, 2017.

Discussion

The Refuse Fund accounts for the financial activity associated with the collection and disposal of residential recycling, refuse, and yard waste.

The City currently operates a semi-automated, once-per-week refuse and single-stream recycling program. The FY 2018 rate will increase by 5 percent to \$445 per year due to increased operating costs of the program, uncertainty surrounding the sorting and hauling of recyclable materials, and the overall projected decrease in revenue from the sale of recyclable materials.

Mayor and Council History

Past Mayor and Council actions related to the FY 2018 budget include:

Date	Action Item
September 12, 2016	Discussion of Operating Budget Process
September 19, 2016	Discussion of Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget Process
October 11, 2016	Distribution of Mayor and Council Budget Surveys
November 1, 2016	Budget Public Hearing
November 10, 2016	Mayor and Council Budget Surveys Due
December 12, 2016	FY 2018 Budget Survey Results and Discussion of Budget Priorities
January 9, 2017	FY 2018 Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) Presentation
February 13, 2017	Distribution of FY 2018 Proposed Budget
February 27, 2017	City Manager's Presentation of FY 2018 Proposed Budget; Introduction of FY 2018 Budget Ordinance; Introduction of FY 2018 Refuse Fee Resolution; Introduction of FY 2018 Stormwater Management Fee Resolution
March 2, 2017	Mayor and Council Worksession
March 6, 2017	Public Hearing
April 3, 2017	Public Hearing; Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing; Mayor and Council Worksession
April 7, 2017	Close of Budget Public Record
April 17, 2017	Mayor and Council Worksession

Public Notification and Engagement

The City held public hearings related to the FY 2018 budget on November 1, 2016, March 6, and April 3, 2017.

In addition to the budget public hearings, the public could submit written comments about the budget through April 7, 2017 to the Mayor and Council through the Clerk's Office or via an online form located on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

Fiscal Impact

The adopted FY 2018 operating budget for the Refuse Fund equals \$7,147,890. The adopted budget is based on a refuse rate of \$445 per year.

Attachments

Attachment 16.a: Refuse_May2017 (PDF)



Rob DiSpirito, City Manager

4/25/2017

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION: To Establish the Service Charge Rate - Municipal Refuse Collection and to establish a charge for unreturned refuse and recycling carts

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that in accordance with Section 20-6 of the "Rockville City Code", the following service charge rate for municipal refuse collection service is hereby established:

\$445.00 per single-family residence per year

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said amount shall be levied and collected in all respects in the same manner as regular taxes are collected, and unpaid refuse bills shall be a lien on the property served;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned service charge rate, as established above, shall take effect on July 1, 2017;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said service charge may not be reduced or suspended for reason of property vacancy or for any other reason;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with regulations approved pursuant to Section 20-7 of the "Rockville City Code," the following charges are hereby established for refuse and recycling carts that are not available for the City to pick up after a residence has been vacated:

32 gallon cart	\$39.87
48 gallon cart	\$42.87
64 gallon cart	\$44.87
96 gallon cart	\$50.20

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of

Kathleen A. Conway, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

Attachment 16.a: Refuse_May2017 (1470 : Adoption of FY 2018 Refuse Resolution)