

Staff Summary Report



Council Meeting Date: 07/22/08

Agenda Item Number: _____

SUBJECT: This is a public hearing to adopt a resolution which amends Appendix A of the Tempe City Code relating to solid waste rates for residential and commercial customers.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20080722fst03 **MISCELLANEOUS FEES (0210-05)** Resolution No. 2008.57

SUPPORTING DOCS: No.

COMMENTS: This resolution establishes the solid waste rate structure effective November 1, 2008.

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LEGAL REVIEW BY: Judi Morgan, Assistant City Attorney (350-8779)

FISCAL NOTE: N/A.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2008.57.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Pursuant to Council direction at the May 15, 2008 Issue Review Session, and A.R.S. Section 9-802, staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2008.57, to adjust solid waste rates for residential and commercial customers. The recommended adjustments are necessary to ensure full recovery of operating costs, maintenance of service levels and preservation of the unreserved fund balance within the solid waste fund.

Staff recommends 5.0% residential and 3.0% commercial rate increases effective November 1, 2008 and again November 1, 2009. The total combined water, wastewater and solid waste rate adjustments effective November 1, 2008 will increase an average single family residential utility bill by \$5.55 or 9.4%. Resolution No. 2008.57 amends the charges established for residential and commercial collection and disposal service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008.57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE COLLECTION PURSUANT TO TEMPE CITY CODE, SECTION 28-61.

WHEREAS, Tempe City Code, Section 28-61 authorizes the establishment of charges for residential and commercial refuse collection services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tempe, after due consideration and diligence, has deemed it prudent and necessary to revise said charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

That the following schedule of charges shall be established for residential and commercial refuse collection, as prescribed in Section 28-61 of the Tempe City Code.

SOLID WASTE

28-61 Refuse Service and Recycling Rates

I. Residential Customers:

A. *Monthly charge for single-family residences and multifamily residences classified as townhouses:*

Description of Service	Effective Nov. 1, 20086	Effective Nov. 1, 20097
Once per week collection	\$ 17.41 19.02	\$ 18.11 19.98
Additional refuse container	\$ 6.60 7.20	\$ 6.86 7.56
Each additional weekly collection	\$ 6.43 19.02	\$ 6.69 19.98
Initial combined charge – one 90-gallon refuse and one 90-gallon recycling container for each newly constructed residence	\$ 140.78 153.74	\$ 146.41 161.42

- B. *Monthly charge for duplex (two dwelling units with a single water meter); individual refuse and recycling containers) EACH DUPLEX HAS REFUSE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS. REFUSE CONTAINERS IN ALLEYS ARE SHARED.*

Description of Service	Effective Nov. 1, 20086	Effective Nov. 1, 20097
Once per week collection	\$ 27.19 29.70	\$ 28.28 31.18
Each additional refuse container	\$ 6.60 7.20	\$ 6.86 7.56

- C. *Monthly charge for multifamily development without individual refuse containers (including motel units with kitchenettes):*

Description of Service	Effective Nov. 1, 20086	Effective Nov. 1, 20097
Per dwelling unit	\$ 10.22 11.16	\$ 10.63 11.72

II. Commercial Customers (Including Multifamily Developments Serviced As Commercial Customers):

- A. Monthly charges for once per week collection of refuse are based on the number and size of containers, according to the following schedule:

Container Size (Cubic Yards)

Effective November 1, 20086

Number of Containers	4 cubic yards	6 cubic yards	8 cubic yards	90 gallon*	300 gallon*
1	\$ 54.84 59.32	\$ 60.80 65.76	\$ 68.62 74.22	\$ 35.97 38.90	\$ 47.69 51.58
2	\$ 90.22 97.58	\$ 105.68 114.30	\$ 117.58 127.16	\$ 57.39 62.08	\$ 77.71 84.06
3	\$ 129.23 139.76	\$ 148.77 160.90	\$ 172.31 186.36	\$ 79.05 85.50	\$ 105.20 113.78
4	\$ 164.54 177.96	\$ 192.02 207.68	\$ 223.27 241.46	\$ 100.35 108.54	\$ 133.78 144.68

Effective November 1, 20097

Number of Containers	4 cubic yards	6 cubic yards	8 cubic yards	90 gallon*	300 gallon*
1	\$57.58 61.10	\$63.84 67.74	\$72.05 76.44	\$37.77 40.08	\$50.07 53.12
2	\$94.73 100.50	\$110.96 117.72	\$123.46 130.98	\$60.26 63.94	\$81.60 86.58
3	\$135.69 143.96	\$156.21 165.74	\$180.93 191.96	\$83.00 88.06	\$110.46 117.18
4	\$172.77 183.30	\$201.62 213.90	\$234.43 248.70	\$105.37 111.80	\$140.47 149.02

*The 90 and 300-gallon containers will be provided to commercial customers requiring special access service at the discretion of the city. These containers will be collected twice weekly at the stated rate.

- B. For customers that require more than four (4) containers or more than one collection per week, the appropriate aggregate rates from the above schedule shall apply.

III. Roll-Off Commercial Customers:

- A. *For customers requesting city-owned containers:*

Effective November 1, 20086

Roll-Off Category	Charge Per Pull
15 cubic yards (not to exceed 4 tons)	\$179.28 193.90
25 cubic yards (not to exceed 5 tons)	\$220.72 238.72
40 cubic yards (not to exceed 6 tons)	\$262.22 283.60

Effective November 1, 20097

Roll-Off Category	Charge Per Pull
15 cubic yards (not to exceed 4 tons)	\$188.24 199.72
25 cubic yards (not to exceed 5 tons)	\$231.76 245.88
40 cubic yards (not to exceed 6 tons)	\$275.33 292.10

Any additional costs incurred by the city for the disposal of containers with loads in excess of above-stated weights shall be an additional charge to the commercial roll-off customer.

- B. *For customers requesting city-owned containers to load with non-collectible materials (dirt, rock, concrete and block):*

Effective November 1, 2008~~6~~

Roll-Off Category	Charge Per Pull
10 cubic yards	\$75.00 81.12

Effective November 1, 2009~~7~~

Roll-Off Category	Charge Per Pull
10 cubic yards	\$78.75 83.56

Customer pays full disposal cost based on tonnage and current gate rate at transfer station.

- C. *For customers who utilize privately-owned compactors:*

Effective November 1, 2008~~6~~

Compactor Category	Charge Per Pull
Less than 31 cubic yards	\$220.72 238.72
31 to 40 cubic yards	\$240.80 260.44
Over 40 cubic yards	\$262.22 283.60

Effective November 1, 2009~~7~~

Compactor Category	Charge Per Pull
Less than 31 cubic yards	\$231.76 245.88
31 to 40 cubic yards	\$252.84 268.24
Over 40 cubic yards	\$275.33 292.10

D. In addition to the above rates, there shall be established:

1. A minimum charge equal to one pull once every two (2) weeks for temporary roll-offs. A temporary roll-off is a roll-off at any location for six (6) months or less.
2. A minimum charge equal to one pull once every month for permanent roll-offs. A permanent roll-off is a roll-off at the same location for more than six (6) months.
3. A deposit equal to two (2) pulls for customers using city-owned containers who do not have an active utility account with the city upon initiation of roll-off service.

IV. Special Material and Special Collections

A. Effective November 1, 2008~~6~~, residents seeking refuse collection service over and above the usual level provided by the city shall be charged at a rate of ~~\$110.64~~ 118.48 per hour for time spent by city employees performing the requested service. Effective November 1, 2009~~7~~, the rate shall be ~~\$115.03~~ 122.04.

B. ~~For commercial and industrial premises not serviced by means of a standard refuse container, there shall be a monthly charge, based on a rate of \$100.65 per hour for time spent by city crews on the premises effective November 1, 2006. Effective November 1, 2007, the rate shall be \$105.68. This charge shall be computed on the basis of average time spent per pickup over a period of not less than one week, and the city shall not be required to undertake more than one time study in each six (6) month period. Requests for additional time studies may be submitted to the public works manager. Effective November 1, 2006, a \$33.13 service charge shall be assessed for each additional time study requested by the property owner and performed by the city. Effective November 1, 2007, a \$34.79 service charge shall be assessed for each additional time study requested by the property owner and performed by the city.~~ COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES/WHITE GOODS:

1. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS DESIRING TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, OR WHITE GOODS, MAY DO SO THROUGH CITY SOLID WASTE SERVICES ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THE OWNER/TENANT IS REQUIRED TO CALL THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST A COLLECTION, SECURE ALL ITEMS AND MATERIALS, AND PLACE THEM OUT AT CURBSIDE OR IN THE ALLEY, WHERE SOLID WASTE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR COLLECTION BY THE CITY THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED DATE FOR COLLECTION. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRING THIS SERVICE WILL BE CHARGED \$10.00 PER APPLIANCE, PLUS

THE SERVICE CALL. WHITE GOODS MAY NOT CONTAIN ANY PUTRESCIBLE MATERIAL, AND THE CITY WILL REFUSE COLLECTION IF SUCH MATERIAL IS FOUND. WHITE GOODS WITH PUTRESCIBLE MATERIAL SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE OWNER AT THE CITY'S DESIGNATED DISPOSAL SITE AND THE OWNER SHALL PAY ALL APPLICABLE FEES ATTENDANT THERETO.

V. Miscellaneous Conditions and Restrictions

- A. If a customer requires refuse collection from a combination of the above-stated collection methods, the public works manager or his/her authorized representative is authorized and directed to establish a monthly rate which will equitably reflect the schedule of charges established herein for each method of collection.
- B. If a customer has established a lawful method of handling his/her refuse collection which results in a savings of time or expense to the city, the public works manager is hereby authorized to make appropriate adjustments to the established charges.
- C. Single-family dwelling accounts shall not be eligible to petition the city for temporary discontinuance of refuse service.
- D. In the event that a customer fails to pay for refuse service, a qualified representative of the city shall be authorized to discontinue water service or other city services to the property until such time as payment is made.
- E. Charges for refuse service to newly-constructed residential structures shall commence upon final inspection and approval of such structures by the city building inspector unless no service is required for the property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney