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	Agenda Item No.	50
	Roll Call No.	<u>18-0719</u>
	Communication No.	<u>18-198</u>
	Submitted by:	Bob Fagen, Finance Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending the Municipal Code Section 98 relating to the monthly fee charge for the collection and disposal of solid waste services (Solid Waste rate increases), administrative hearing process, and to clarify language.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of amending the Municipal Code Sections 98-55, increasing monthly collection fees charged for solid waste services by \$2.20 effective on July 1, 2018; increasing the monthly fee reduction from \$1.00 to \$3.20 for solid waste services for those residential owners who qualify for a fee reduction under the Municipal Code Section 98-55(c) effective on July 1, 2018. At the November 27, 2017, Council workshop the proposed increase was \$2.25, but additional analysis by budget staff allowed for the smaller increase proposed here. The proposed amendment to Section 98-79.05 Administrative Hearing makes the administrative penalty appeal process for violations of Section 98-70 (littering) or Section 98-117(b) (prohibition against mixing solid waste with yard debris or solid waste with recyclable materials) consistent with that process for other administrative penalty appeals throughout the City Code by requiring such appeal to follow the process in Chapter 3 Administrative Hearing Process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The monthly solid waste collection fees are proposed to increase by \$2.20 beginning July 1, 2018. The fee reduction for residential owners who qualify under Section 98-55(c) will increase to \$3.20 per month. Proposed rates and estimated annual revenue increases follow:

	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Rate on 7/01/2018*
First 64 gallon	\$ 11.00	\$ 13.20
First 96 gallon	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.20
Additional 64 gallon	\$ 9.00	\$ 11.20
Additional 96 gallon	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.20
First 64 gallon subsidized	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
First 96 gallon subsidized	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
City of DM - Dumpster	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00

*Rates for the subsidized containers are shown after the increased subsidy.

Funding Source: Revenues will be deposited in the appropriate solid waste fund accounts for use on operations and capital projects per the budget plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- At the November 27, 2017 Council workshop, staff presented an update on the operating plans for solid waste. At that time, the proposed increase was \$2.25 per month. Further analysis revealed that a smaller increase will be sufficient.
- Fee increases are needed in the Solid Waste Fund to offset annual increases in operating costs. This section of the Municipal Code was last changed 2003.
- After the increase, solid waste rates in the City are still below the average for the largest 10 municipalities in the state and below the average of national peers.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 5, 2003

Roll Call Number: [03-1028](#)

Action: An Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, and amended by Ordinance No. 14,064, passed March 18, 2002, and Ordinance No. 14,144, passed October 7, 2002, by amending Sections 98-26, 98-54, 98-55, 98-58, 98-114, 98-115 and 98-118, relating to definition of terms, regulations for solid waste collection and charges for collection, sale of stickers for collection of solid waste, solid waste container specifications, regulations for curbside recycling, disposal of yard debris and sale of bags and stickers for yard debris", which was considered and voted upon for the first time under Roll Call No. 03- 930 of April 21, 2003, and considered and voted upon for the second time under Roll Call No. 03- 1027 of May 5, 2003, again presented. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that ordinances must be considered on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Second and third readings of the ordinance.

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