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FINANCE & RECORDS

Memorandum

To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
From: Nancy A. Lueck, Finance Director
Date: February 15, 2011
Re: Resolution to Approve Refuse Collection Rates Effective April 1, 2011

Introduction and Background:

In September, 2010, the City solicited proposals for the provision of automated single sort recycling services to residents of the City. The contract for this service was awarded to Allied Waste Services and this service is scheduled to begin April 4, 2011. In the first year of the contract, the City will pay Allied Waste \$3.05 per customer per month for this service. When the new service begins, the City will be discontinuing the drop-off recycling trailers located throughout the City which will result in a cost savings primarily in staff time since these trailers have been emptied seven days per week. The financial analysis done prior to and at the time the contract was awarded indicated that this additional service could be provided to residents with an increase of \$1.75 per month per residential customer. This will increase rates to \$20.00 per month for regular residential customers and to \$15.00 for senior citizens. These rates were used in the revised estimate for 2010/2011 and the budget for 2011/2012.

Recommendation:

Title 9, Chapter 3, Section 11 of the City Code provides that refuse collection rates be changed by resolution of City Council. The attached resolution provides for regular residential refuse collection rates to increase from the current \$18.25 per month to \$20.00 and the senior citizen rate to increase from \$13.25 to \$15.00 effective April 1, 2011.

Please include the attached resolution on the City Council agenda for the February 17, 2011 meeting.
Please contact me if there are any questions.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFUSE COLLECTION MONTHLY FEES
FOR CLASS I AND CLASS III DOMESTIC WASTE
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2011**

WHEREAS, the City Code of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, Title 9, Chapter 3, Section 11, provides for the establishment of Refuse Collection Rates with the fee therefore to be set by Resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Code for the City of Muscatine, Iowa, provides for collection of fees related to Class I and Class III Domestic Waste; and provides for establishing fees for Class II Domestic and Commercial Accounts; and

WHEREAS, the City will begin a single sort curbside recycling service on April 4, 2011;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to establish fees to incorporate this additional service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA, that pursuant to the provisions of the City Code of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, the following fees are established effective April 1, 2011:

SECTION I

- (A) **Class I and III.** Twenty dollars and no cents (\$20.00) per month for each single-family dwelling, except persons sixty-five (65) years of age and over shall be charged fifteen dollars and no cents (\$15.00) per month for each single-family dwelling. However, yard waste fees shall be charged on a per bag basis.
- (B) **Class I and III.** Twenty dollars and no cents (\$20.00) per month for each dwelling unit or apartment unit in a multi-family dwelling or apartment building with up to five (5) units, except persons sixty-five (65) years of age and over shall be charged fifteen dollars and no cents (\$15.00) per month for each dwelling unit or apartment in a multi-family dwelling or apartment building with up to five (5) units. However, yard waste fees shall be charged on a per bag basis.

SECTION II

That all Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH day of February, 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

Attest:

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk