

**Public Hearing  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 67  
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**SUBJECT:** Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed rate and fee changes for the Solid Waste Services Department as part of the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Proposed Budget.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Solid Waste Services  
**DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION:** William Rhodes, P.E.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue Cooper, SWS Finance/Purchasing Division Manager, 974-7759

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This action requests Council to conduct a public hearing to hear public comments on the Solid Waste Services Department rate changes proposed in the Fiscal Year 2004 – 2005 Proposed Budget. “Pay as You Throw” and “Anti Litter” rates are not changing. Miscellaneous new fees or increases being proposed are as follows:

**Hotel, Motel, Boarding and Rooming House License**

This will be the first fiscal year for SWS to collect the fee. The rate increase is due to inflation. The fiscal impact should be minimal since most businesses already have the license.

	<u>Old Fee</u>	<u>New Fee</u>
<10 units	\$33.00	\$42.00
<50 units	\$66.00	\$83.00
>=50	\$1.40 /unit	\$1.75 /unit

**Special Collections**

Fees charged to customers requesting out of cycle bulky collections.

These rate changes will recover some of the high cost of operating heavy equipment used in these operations.

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	Old Fee	New Fee
• Hauling Services		
Up to two items only e.g. a couch and a chair	\$46.00	\$55.00
1 to 4 cubic yards per pick-up	\$98.00	\$100.00
5 to 16 maximum	\$98.00/ plus 6	\$100.00/ plus 6
	cubic yard in	cubic yard in
	excess of 4	excess of 4
• Out of Cycle Brush Collections	\$83.00	\$90.00
(standard brush set-out 4-15 ft.)		

Landfill

	Old Fee	New Fee
• Un-compacted Load Fee	\$5.50 cu. yd.	\$6.50 cu. yd.

This fee is charged for demolition refuse and brush at the City's landfill located at FM 812. The rate is adjusted to reflect inflation.

	Old Fee	New Fee
• Shredded Tires Fee (New)	---	7.00/ cubic yard

This fee is for accepting shredded tires at the landfill, and is comparable to other local landfill rates.

Commercial Hazardous Waste

	Old Fee	New Fee
• Many items under HHW	see fee schedule	see fee schedule

These fees are charged for hazardous waste accepted from commercial sources. Commercial hazardous waste fees are calculated to recover the cost of providing hazardous waste disposal services to commercial customers. Revenue collected only covers SWS vendor contract cost to dispose of the waste collected. Hazardous waste contract cost will increase by 5% in FY 05. The rate changes reflect contract rates.

	Old Fee	New Fee
• Commercial Hazardous Waste Pick-up Fee (New)	----	\$60.00 each

This fee is charged to commercial customers for pick up hazardous waste at commercial locations per customer request. This is a new service and the fee is set at \$60.00 per hour. Revenue collected will recover the cost of providing hazardous waste disposal services to commercial customers.