



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1734, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

4/23/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 City of Austin Fee Schedule (Ordinance No. 20190910-002) to exempt the first 50 lbs. of Styrofoam from the fee for Styrofoam recycling at the Resource Recovery Drop Off Center.

Lead Department

Austin Resource Recovery

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

Council approved Ordinance No. 20190910-002 which authorized fees, fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on September 30, 2020. Ordinance No. 20190910-002 included an increase to the Styrofoam fee at Resource Recovery Centers from 'Minimum charge is \$10 up to 100 pounds and an additional \$10 per 100 pounds thereafter.' to 'Minimum charge is \$30 up to 50 pounds and an additional \$30 per 50 pounds thereafter.'

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

On September 4, 2019, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Additional Backup Information:

Language in the City of Austin Fee Schedule Ordinance No. 20191910-002, approved on September 10, 2019, may appear to inadvertently assign cost to the first 50 pounds of Styrofoam collected at the RRDOC. It is the intention of the Department to encourage households to drop off small amounts of Styrofoam (up to 50 pounds) and therefore the Department is changing the fees to reflect no cost for this volume. ARR believes a stated exemption is necessary to clarify the tiered fee structure.

New Styrofoam fee language and fee breakdown example:

'No fee is charged for the first 50 pounds collected, and a fee of \$30 per 50 pounds is charged on the remainder.'

Pounds	Cost
0-50	\$0.00
>50-100	\$30.00
>100-150	\$60.00

>150-200 \$90.00
\$30 for each additional 50-pound range thereafter

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.