

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 23, 2002

TITLE: A Request for Board to Receive Report on Feasibility of Implementing User Fees for Dumpster Collection Services Provided by the Town

DEPARTMENT: Management Services	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Report on Costs of Dumpster Collection Services and Feasibility of Implementing a User Fee	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Bingham Roenigk, Asst. Town Manager Philip Prete, Environmental Planner Claudia Sanderford, Administrative Analyst

PURPOSE:

The Board of Aldermen, at their regular board meeting of February 12, 2002, requested that staff proceed with a study to levy a dumpster collection fee and to provide baseline data on what is being collected and the costs of providing dumpster collection services. A report analyzing dumpster collection fees has been prepared for Board review.

INFORMATION

With the directive from the Board to pursue a dumpster collection fee analysis, a project team spanning several departments was assembled to review the feasibility and costs of implementing user fees for dumpster collection services. Members of the team include: Public Works employees, Claudia Sanderford, Administrative Analyst, and Chris Clark, Solid Waste Supervisor; Management Services employees, Jan Bryant-Berry, Purchasing Officer, Judy Weller, Accounting Officer, and Bing Roenigk; and Planning Department employee Phil Prete, Environmental Planner.

The study identifies the full cost of providing dumpster collection services, develops a fee structure based on full cost of services, and compares the potential fee structure to Triangle area municipalities that provide dumpster collection services. The analysis shows that Carrboro provides an efficient dumpster collection service whereby costs per pickup is competitive with fees charged by surrounding jurisdictions and private sector. Implementing a fee on July 1, 2002, that charges for all pickups, can generate, in the first year, a revenue stream of approximately \$412,000. However, staff recommends implementing this fee effective October 1, 2002 to allow for adequate time to inform and educate businesses and to allow time for administrative tasks involved in implementing the billing and collection functions. Beginning this fee in October will result in revenue totaling \$309,522.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Aldermen is requested to accept the report and consider a future work session or public hearing requesting input from the community regarding implementation of a user fee for dumpster collection services.