

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 4, 2002

TITLE: Public Hearing: Dumpster Collection Services

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A: Resolution Specifying Further Action on Dumpster Collection Services B: Minutes – Informational Meeting of May 22, 2002 with local commercial and multi-family consumers C: Dumpster Collection Report Presented April 23, 2002	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Morgan, Town Manager

PURPOSE:

The Board of Aldermen, at their regular board meeting of April 23, 2002, received a report analyzing the cost of providing dumpster collection services and the creation and implementation of a fee to recover the costs of providing such services and established a public hearing on June 4, 2002 to receive public comment. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to hear residents' feedback on the feasibility of charging for dumpster collection services.

INFORMATION

The Board received a study prepared by Town staff on April 23, 2002 that 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 (Attachment C). 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.

The Board, following review of this study, set a public hearing for June 4, 2002 and requested that Town staff hold an informational meeting with local businesses and multi-family consumers prior to the public hearing. An informational meeting was held on May 22, 2002. Town staff met with approximately 15 business representatives to discuss the dumpster collection fees and to allow consumers to express their concerns (Attachment B).

The fees, if implemented on July 1, 2002 and structured to recover full costs and charge 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 receive citizen comments and to provide direction to staff on feasibility of charging fees for dumpster collection services.