

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: D(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 18, 2002

**TITLE: Public Hearing: Roll Out Trash Container Collection and Yard Waste Service Fees**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> TOWN MANAGER	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> YES _ X _ _ No _ _ _
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Proposed Timeline for Implementation C. Chart of Options for Billing Roll-outs D. 1995-96 League of Municipalities Report	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> <b>ROBERT MORGAN, 918-7315</b>

### PURPOSE:

At their regularly scheduled meeting of June 11, 2002, and subsequent to a June 4, 2002 Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposal for implementing dumpster service fees, the Board of Aldermen discussed implementation of fees for-roll out container and yard waste service. The Board established a public hearing on June 18 to receive public comment on roll-out and yard waste service fees. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to hear residents' feedback on the feasibility of charging for these 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 and develops a fee structure based on the full cost of services.

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 dumpster users prior to the public hearing. The informational meeting was held on May 22, 2002, and a summary of comments was provided to the Board. The Board conducted a public hearing on June 4, 2002.

Subsequent to the close of the hearing, the Board discussed the issue further and asked staff to provide analysis to support implementing a user fee for roll-out users as well as dumpster users. At the June 11, 2002, meeting the Board discussed a proposal for implementing a per-container user fee for roll-out containers based on the full cost of providing that service, and a per household fee for yard waste service. Before making a decision on the two fee systems, the Board scheduled a Public Hearing for June 18, 2002 to receive citizen input.

Staff has prepared a timeline (Attachment B) that lays out the steps necessary for implementing a dumpster user fee and a roll-out container user fee. Included in the timeline is a report back to the Aldermen in September that provides analysis of the four options for billing roll-out users (preliminary review of billing and collection considerations summarized in Attachment C), including billing and collection logistics, cost of implementation, and pros and cons of each option. The report would include a staff recommendation for a Board decision on a final rate structure, and the preferred billing / collection mechanism. Staff proposes also reporting to the Board at this time on the feasibility of implementing a user fee for yard waste. The timeline shows implementation of the dumpster fee effective October 1, 2002, and implementation of the roll-out fee effective July 1, 2003.

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive citizen comments and accept the additional materials prepared by staff to provide more information on the logistics of roll-out service fees.