

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: E(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 25, 2002

**TITLE: Board Discussion: Solid Waste Service User Fees**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> TOWN MANAGER	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> YES ___ No <u>X</u> ___
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Proposed Timeline for Implementation C. Excerpt from June 18, 2002 Public Hearing D. Rate and Revenue Projections Summary	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> <b>ROBERT MORGAN, 918-7315</b>

### **PURPOSE:**

At their regularly scheduled meeting of June 18, 2002, the Board of Aldermen conducted a public hearing to receive comments from the public on a proposal to implement volume-based user fees for roll-out container and yard waste collection service. The Board held a previous Public Hearing on implementing user fees for dumpster service on June 4, 2002. The Board scheduled further deliberation on implementing user fees for solid waste services for the Board meeting this evening.

### **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.

Staff submitted to the Board on June 18, 2002 a recommended 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 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 as well as potential service changes. The timeline shows implementation of the dumpster fee effective October 1, 2002, and implementation of the roll-out fee effective July 1, 2003.

The Board conducted a second Public Hearing to receive comments on implementing user fees for roll-outs and yard waste collection service on June 18, 2002 (excerpt from minutes as Attachment C).

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen pass a resolution (Attachment A) to implement user fees for solid waste services.