ATTACHMENT A

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING FURTHER ACTION TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF A SOLID WASTE SERVICES USER FEE
Resolution No. 175/2001-02

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has reviewed information prepared by staff, and has received public input on dumpster collection fees and roll-out collection fees, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen in reviewing the current fiscal situation, and its potential to have a significant impact on property taxes within Carrboro, desires to take progressive steps to keep Carrboro's property tax rate as low as feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has found that charging service users for disposing of waste based on the amount of waste that is discarded, while providing opportunities for recycling, has been demonstrated in other communities to have the desired effect of providing an incentive for waste reduction and recycling.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Mayor and the Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen have considered the information provided and the issues raised concerning solid waste service user fees, and has decided as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby establishes a full cost-based, variable rate user fee to be charged for dumpster collection services effective October 1, 2002.

Section 2. The fees to be charged for dumpster service are as follows:

Dumpster Fee Schedule			
Dumpster Size (Cubic Yards)	**cost per quarter (13 weeks service)**		
	once per week	**twice per week**	**extra pickup (each time)**
2			
4			
6			
8			

Section 3. The Board hereby instructs staff to develop a recommended user fee structure and billing system for roll-out container service, along the proposed timeline, to become effective July 1, 2003.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This is the 25th day of June in the year 2002.

ATTACHMENT B

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Solid Waste User Fees

Proposed Timeline

July, 2002	Evaluate Database needs for Roll-out System	
	Begin Database Design for Roll-out System	
	Begin Database Development for Roll-out System (ongoing)	
	Evaluate Billing options for Roll-out System	
	Begin Designing Billing System for Dumpster System	
	Explore Grant Funding for Dumpster Billing System Software	
	Begin Public Education Targeting Dumpster Users (ongoing)	
August, 2002	Begin Working with Customers on Dumpster Optimization	
	Review and Finalize Rate Structure based on FY002-03 tip fee	
	Design Roll-out Rate Structure	
	Evaluate Yard Waste System Options	
September, 2002	Report to Aldermen on Recommended Roll-out Billing Options o Billing and collection efficiencies o Cost of implementing o Timeline Revisions o Pros and Cons	
	Report to Aldermen on Recommended Fee Structure for Roll out	
	Report to the Aldermen on Yard Waste and Bulk Waste Options	
	Report to Aldermen on Progress in implementation	
	Aldermen Decision - Roll-out Fee System Design / Rate Structure	
October, 2002	Implement Dumpster Collection Fee (Effective October 1, 2002)	
	Negotiate Preferred Billing and Collection System for Roll-out	
	Customer Service (ongoing)	
	Evaluate Dumpster Billing System	
	Design Roll-out Billing System	

Proposed Timeline (continued)

November, 2002	Evaluate Dumpster Billing System	
	Evaluate Dumpster Optimization	
December, 2002	Prepare for 3rd FY Quarter (2nd Program Quarter) Dumpster Billing	
	60 Days Post Due Bill collection (on-going)	
January, 2003	Second Round of Dumpster Billing	
	Progress Report to Aldermen	
February, 2003	Set Up Billing System (continued)	
	Public Education Target Shifts to Roll-out Users	
March, 2003	Evaluate Dumpster Billing System	
	Evaluate Fee Collection Success	
	Evaluate Dumpster Optimization	
	Set Up Billing System (continued)	
	Prepare for 4th FY Quarter Dumpster Billing	
April, 2003	Third Round of Dumpster Billing	
	Analyze Revenue / Cost for Rate Revision	
	Prepare for Roll-out Billing	
May, 2003	Trouble Shoot Roll-out Billing	
	Progress Report to Aldermen	
	Evaluate Feasibility of Combining Billing Systems	
June, 2003	Prepare for First Round of Roll-out Billing	
July, 2003	Roll-out Fee Initiated (Effective July 1, 2003)	

ROLL-OUT CONTAINER COLLECTION AND YARD WASTE SERVICE FEES SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

At their regularly scheduled meeting on 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 rollout and yard waste service fees. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to hear residents' feedback on the feasibility of charging for these services.

Devin Clark, 105 Kay Street, spoke against the proposed fee as he feels he is already paying taxes to cover trash collection.

Robert Kirschner, representing Canterbury Townhomes, asked that the Board re-address the fee system, expressed concern about the billing system being proposed, stated that if the town approves only the dumpster collection, it will make the same mistake that other towns have made. He said that lumping together and charging at the same rate for shared interest communities with commercial business is not equitable.

Raymond Pendergrass, Hillsborough Road resident, stated that he feels the added fee for roll out carts will be a burden on senior citizens. The town should make cut backs rather than raising fees or taxes.

Richard Ellington, 109 Bruton Drive, expressed concern about the town charging residents for a basic service provided by towns. The town has three responsibilities: fire, police and public works, all other departments are "fluff." Mr. Ellington encouraged the Board to go to the legislature rather than charging residents additional fees. He said that a pay-as-you-throw program should be initiated. There would be no incentive to recycle if a fee for collection is initiated.

Barbara McCough, Cobblestone Place, stated that pay-as-you-throw would hurt families with young children—those family who more than likely can afford it less. She stated that this would encourage illegal dumping.

Laurie McClure, 1104 N. Greensboro Street, stated that renters generate less trash than single-family residences. She encouraged fees for everyone if a fee is approved.

Eleanor Kinnaird, 207 W. Poplar Street and speaking on behalf of Shirley Marshall, requested once a week dumpster collection as an alternative to charging for pickup. She encouraged the Board to adopt pay-as-you-throw.

Aaron Nelson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, stated that if the commercial dumpster fee is approved, business owners will have a large increase in fees. This fee would be very inequitable for businesses.

Robert Smith, 1104 N. Greensboro Street, encouraged the pay-as-you-throw program. The town could look at another system using bags. He stated that families with young children should use diaper services to reduce solid waste. He said the town should look at how more recycling can be done and reduce costs to citizens.

The Board delayed its discussion of this matter until June 25th.

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ATTACHMENT D

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Staff Report: Solid Waste User Fees

Dumpster Service Fees:

The following table provides a quick comparison of various scenarios of rate setting as a percentage of full cost ranging from fifty percent to one hundred percent. This is intended to provide a quick assessment of fiscal impact of any decision to retain some part of the cost of providing the service in the tax structure while funding the remaining portion from fees.

DUMPSTER SERVICE FEES / REVENUE SCENARIOS SUMMARY - 3 QUARTERS OF YEAR

	FEES FOR *ONCE PER WEEK* SERVICE - 3 Quarters FY02-03				**FY 02-03 REVENUE PROJECTION**
Percent of Full Cost	2 CU.YD	4 CU. YD	6 CU.YD	8 CU.YD	
100.0%	$535	$642	$749	$856	**$302,913**
87.5%	$468	$562	$655	$749	**$257,476**
75.0%	$401	$481	$562	$642	**$227,185**
62.5%	$334	$401	$468	$535	**$189,321**
50.0%	$267	$321	$374	$428	**$151,457**

Explanatory notes:

1. The revenue projection and fees have been adjusted to reflect the current anticipated tip fee. The original rate structure factored in a $2.00 per ton tip fee increase beginning in the new fiscal year (2002-03), however, it does not appear that the county will raise the tip fee based on the current budget proposal. This is subject to change pending a finalized County budget.
2. The fees presented in the table above represent the fees that would be charged for the **three quarters of the fiscal year** during which the fee is proposed to be in place (October 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003), and is based on the following annualized fee structure:

ANNUALIZED FEES FOR ***ONCE PER WEEK*** SERVICE*			
2 CU.YD	4 CU. YD	6 CU.YD	8 CU.YD
$713	$856	$999	$1,141

3. These fees are based on once per week service. Any additional frequency of service would be charged for in increments based on the same fee structure.