



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Public Works

Board Action

File #: 18-060

Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Modify a Recently Approved Fee Structure for the Solid Waste Management Division that Increased the Municipal Solid Waste Rate and Approve a Five Year Rate Agreement Based on the Rate Increases Being Phased In Over Five Years

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BUDGET IMPACT

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

BACKGROUND

Gaston County fees are periodically reviewed by the Gaston County Commission and County Departments to determine if adjustments/amendments are necessary. Per Gaston County Board Action 2017-135, the municipal solid waste disposal rate at the Gaston County Landfill was approved to increase from \$26 to \$28 per ton effective July 1, 2018. Several municipalities have contacted the Solid Waste Division about fee adjustments for the upcoming year and have requested a longer planning horizon to assist them from a budgetary standpoint. The Solid Waste Division is currently renegotiating a disposal contract with the City of Gastonia and a longer term, phased in fee structure was proposed during those discussions as well. Tonnages for all categories of waste received at our facility have continued to increase resulting in a slight increase in overall annual revenue. This increase in revenue could be used to offset the impact of an extended phase in period for the municipal rate increase. This fee adjustment phase in period should help municipalities provide waste collection services at lower operating costs while allowing the rates to migrate to a level that more closely reflects operational costs. Approval of this Board Action formally modifies the proposed municipal rate increase to \$27/ton for the next two fiscal years (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020) with a subsequent increase to \$28/ton for the following three fiscal years (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023). Additionally, approval of this BA authorizes staff to draft and execute a municipal services agreement with the City of Gastonia for the upcoming 5 fiscal years based on the approved rate phase in period. No appropriations are necessary as a result of this Board Action.

POLICY IMPACT

Fee Adjustment Modification

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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