Council Report

Date: April 17, 2014

To: City Council

Through: John Pombier, Deputy City Manager

From: Michael Comstock, Solid Waste Director

Subject: Solid Waste Residential Development Tax

Strategic Initiatives

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this City Council report is to recommend an increase to the Solid Waste Residential Development Tax for single-residence attached and detached dwelling unit. This fee increase is being recommended to cover the cost delivering and purchasing the trash barrels. We have determined the current fee is not sufficient enough to cover the delivery and cost of new trash barrels.

Background, Discussion, and Recommendations

Solid Waste provides trash services for all residential customers in the City of Mesa. In order to service our single-residence attached and detached dwelling units, we provide one 90-gallon blue barrel, one 90-gallon black barrel and a small in-home container. At the current rate, Solid Waste is not covering the cost to purchase and deliver the trash containers. In order to recover the cost of the delivery and purchase of the trash containers, it is our recommendation to increase the Solid Waste Residential Development Tax.

Alternatives

One alternative is to leave the tax as it currently exists. However, Staff recommends increasing the fee in order to recover our costs.

Fiscal Impact

Increasing this fee will result in an annual revenue increase of approximately $12,816. This will cover the cost of the purchase and deliver of the trash containers.

Concurrence

The above information will be presented at a Developer's Forum meeting.