



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Montre' Freeman, City Manager
Dwan Bell, Public Utilities Director

DATE: October 20, 2023

REF: Consideration - City Curbside Recycling Can Repurposing & Garbage Can Recovery Fee

BACKGROUND:

Earlier this year, the City Council voted to end city-wide curbside recycling, which went into effect on October 15th. Subsequently, the Public Utilities Committee tasked Public Utilities Director, Dwan Bell in collaboration with the Sanitation staff to assess the possibility of repurposing the orange cans used for curbside recycling, as well as the fees associated with our garbage cans in general.

ANALYSIS:

Curbside Recycling Can Repurposing:

To sustain the value of the orange containers formerly used for recyclables, Public Utilities has suggested repurposing those containers by offering citizens the option to use those containers as an additional garbage receptacle for a \$5 monthly fee. Residents who are interested in repurposing the can will simply contact the City's Customer Service Department to establish the second can as an additional trash can. Customer Service will notify the Public Utilities Sanitation Division via work order detailing all customers who have signed on for this service. Public Utilities will also tag the orange can as an identifier for the trash truck drivers.

Garbage Can Fees:

City residents are currently purchasing 95-gallon garbage cans at a cost of \$60 plus tax. After review, it was determined that this cost is antiquated and creates a loss for the City as the actual cost for each can has risen to \$70 due to inflation, and which does not include operational costs to deploy and manage the containers.

Given this data, Public Utilities suggests increasing the fees for these cans by \$25, which would take the purchase price from \$60 to \$85.

Current Resident Container Cost	Container Cost Gap	Operational Cost	Proposed Resident Container Cost
\$ 60.00	\$10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 85.00

As both of the recommended actions will require modification to the City’s fee schedule, a public hearing will be required to adopt any changes under the Residential and Commercial Sanitation Rate Schedule.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, call for a public hearing to gather public input on modifying the City’s FY 2023-2024 Fee Schedule as it relates to Residential and Commercial Sanitation to repurpose the former recycling containers with a monthly opt-in fee of \$5 for interested parties and to increase the purchase price for the 95-gallon garbage cans to \$85.

