




MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Land Use & Environmental Services Agency
Waste Management Advisory Board

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To: Jeffrey Smithberger, Director
Solid Waste Management

Fr: Ismael Sanchez, Chairman 
Waste Management Advisory Board

Sub: Approval of Proposed Budget for the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Program for FY2020

Today, the Waste Management Advisory Board met to discuss the budget submittal for the FY2020 period.

The full WMAB heard the discussions of the budget subcommittee regarding the budget projections submitted by staff. The recycling market collapse of 2018 is affecting the economics of recycling, and unfortunately making it a more expensive process. While this has been explained by staff, our strong suggestions are for Mecklenburg County to continue to have a full recycling program. We are also discussing ways that costs may potentially be reduced and assisting in evaluating those options.

For FY2020 this will necessitate that the Residential Availability Fee be raised for FY2020 to cover the shortfall from recycling commodities. Staff have proposed, and the WMAB unanimously agreed that the Availability fee be increased to \$33.50 annually. This being approximately .50/residential property annually. Noting that the WMAB had previously adopted a stepped increase approach of \$3.50 annually, and this relates to a \$2.50 increase over the planned step increase.

Staff have also proposed other modest increases to fee based disposal, and those were also agreed upon.

If you have any questions, please let me know.