

# Mecklenburg County

## **Legislation Text**

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Title:

**Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance FY2020** 

Summary

**ACTION**:

Approve revisions to the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance for fiscal year 2020

**Staff Contact:** Jeffrey M. Smithberger, Division Director, LUESA Solid Waste

<u>Presentation</u>: No

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Annually, LUESA Solid Waste proposes to change the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance by revising certain fees in the Solid Waste Program to respond to inflation and contract service fees charged to Mecklenburg County. These changes include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Continued implementation of the incremental multi-year fee plan developed in FY2017:
- 2. <u>No increase</u> to the volumetric fees for <u>residential</u> customers who use County Drop-Off Centers, and a decrease of Yard Waste from \$8.50 to \$8;
- 3. Increase fees for non-residential/out of county customers who use County Drop Centers from \$50 to \$65 annually;
- 4. Incorporate necessary fees to cover the costs associated with accepting, processing, and transporting waste materials to their final disposal point.
- 5. Fees contained in this ordinance will be effective July 1, 2019.

The Residential Solid Waste Availability Fee is proposed to increase from the current \$27.50 per year to \$33.50 per year. This increase is due to collapses in the Recycling Market and equates to .50 cents per month for each residential property. This will allow our community to continue recycling in the same manner as we have for the past several years. The Availability Fee is included in the FY 2020 Operating Budget request and is separate from the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance.

The Waste Management Advisory Board (WMAB) unanimously recommended the BOCC approve these changes to the Solid Waste Fee Ordinance and the Residential Availability Fee at their March 19, 2019 meeting.

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## **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

N/A

#### **POLICY IMPACT:**

N/A

## **FISCAL IMPACT**:

No County funding impact. Increase in Solid Waste Enterprise Fund fee revenue and related expense included in the FY 2020 Operating Budget.