



Solid Waste Services

Budget Committee Update

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Overview

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Policy Question

Does the City of Charlotte want to provide solid waste collection services to commercial entities?

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Current Policy

- Solid Waste Services provides collection services for:
 - Single family residential
 - Multi-family residential (townhomes & condos)
 - Multi-family commercial (apartments)
- Collection methods include:
 - Roll out service (single family, multi-family < 30 units)
 - Contracted Dumpster/Compactor (multi-family \geq 30 units)

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Policy Options

Provide service to commercial multi-family entities (i.e. apartments)?

Yes

Continue to provide service under current model

Recognize commercial nature and recover full cost from apartment complexes for service

No

Discontinue service to apartments after current contract expires in July 2017

Discontinue service and establish franchise pricing model to control service costs

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Basis for Options

- From Tax Assessor's Office
 - Multi-Family is a classification of housing where multiple separate housing units for residential purposes are contained within one building. Most of the time these are properties such as apartments, duplexes, triplexes etc.
 - Apartments are considered commercial projects by our office. The commercial real estate division is responsible for those valuations.

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Basis for Options

- Solid waste management is a *residential* service in most municipalities
- Collecting commercial solid waste without full cost recovery is unique to Charlotte based on review of peer cities

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Collection Service Counts

Multi-Family Unit Type	Units	Roll Out	Dumpster/ Compactor	Private Hauler
Apartment	102,878	3,958	98,920	
Condo	24,122	6,079	18,043	
Townhouse	8,969	6,313	2,656	
Unknown	17,695			17,695
Total	153,664	16,350	119,619	17,695

Single Family	Units	Roll Out	Dumpster/ Compactor	Private Hauler
Homes	197,670	197,670		

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SWS Current Funding Model

Funding Source	FY16 Estimated Revenue	Funding %
SWS Other Revenues	\$1,410,206	2.5%
Short-Term Debt	\$3,455,000	6.2%
Solid Waste Fee (\$25/year/unit)	\$8,733,591	15.6%
Other General Fund Revenues	\$42,287,430	75.7%
Total	\$55,886,227	100.0%

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Implications

- For Townhouse & Condo owners – no change from current service
- For Apartment complex owners – responsible for getting private hauler service post June 30, 2017
- For City – issue modified RFP for compactor/dumpster service and possible franchise option
- Changes to City ordinances

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