



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 9.D.
For Meeting of: December 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance amending Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 4.16 Garbage Storage, Collection and Disposal

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Public Works Director
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Ryan Bleek, Senior Assistant City Attorney

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

This ordinance amends Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 4.16 to add a fee for bulk refuse collection service and moves all of the refuse fees from the Chapter into the City's Master Fee Schedule.

The Master Fee Schedule contains proposed refuse rates. The Solid Waste Utility Rate Study presented by Chris Bell and Associates to City Council on July 23, 2024, described the methodology behind the evaluation and recommended the proposed rates to support the recovery of the actual costs of providing services, including those identified in the proposed 2025-2026 budget. The study evaluated the Solid Waste utility's on-going operating and maintenance costs and maintaining an adequate reserve balance for unexpected emergency expenditures. It is the recommendation to City Council that we have a 3% annual increase in the Solid Waste Rates starting January 1, 2025, running through December 31, 2028.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

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[Refuse Rates Jan 1, 2025 to December 31st, 2028.pdf](#)

[Yakima Bulky Waste Rate Schedule .pdf](#)