

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

CCPH SR2017-454

DATE: 9/26/2017

REQUESTED ACTION:

Board of County Councilor approval of ordinance increasing solid waste tipping fee by \$1.43 per ton on all incoming waste to the transfer stations, effective January 1, 2018. This fee increase will allow Public Health to maintain critical solid and hazardous waste assessment, response and mitigation services previously funded by State Model Toxic Control Act (MTCA) grant funds. Ordinance draft attached.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

Clark County Public Health proposed an adjustment to the solid waste tipping fee rate to address the loss of MTCA grant funds. Important activities and services that would be covered by this tipping fee increase are:

- ability to respond to hazardous substance and solid waste complaints
- ability to assess and respond to hazardous substance releases
- elevated blood lead level (EBLL) report follow-up home investigation
- financial and logistical support of community recycling day events
- analysis of waste stream volumes and composition to guide management and planning for county-wide solid waste management system
- communication and coordination with local communities, volunteers, and businesses to guide education and changes in practice for waste reduction, recycling and solid waste management

Clark County tipping fees are significantly lower compared to similar counties in Washington. Even with the proposed increase, our tipping fees will remain significantly lower than similar sized counties.

Proposed Fee Schedule – Solid Waste Tipping Fee					
Program	Permit/Activity	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Variance	
				\$	%
Solid Waste Fees					
	Municipal Solid Waste tipping fee, price per ton	\$88.88	\$90.31	\$1.43	1.61%
	Drop Box fee, price per ton	\$78.76	\$80.19	\$1.43	1.82%

Failing to replace the lost State MTCA grant funds would result in a \$614,724 biennial budget deficit in the Solid Waste fund (4014) and a \$471,924 biennial budget deficit in the Public Health fund (1025). A reduction in staffing or additional alternative revenue would need to be identified to address these deficits. A reduction in staffing would likely result in significant delays in delivery of mandated services. This would impact client satisfaction and economic growth in the County.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This action adds a per ton administrative fee that would be applied to municipal solid wastes fees paid at County transfer stations and curbside garbage service bills to customers. The collected fee would be directly

payable to the County to maintain the services provided through the Solid Waste Operations; Solid Waste Enforcement; Hazardous Assessment; and Environmental Outreach Programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Public Health staff have presented the approach of replacing lost State MTCA grant funds with a small increase in the solid waste tipping fees to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC), the Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee and the Public Health Advisory Committee; all three bodies are in support of this action.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS


YES	NO	
		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
XX		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.


BUDGET DETAILS

Local Fund Dollar Amount	
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	
Account	1025, 4014
Company Name	

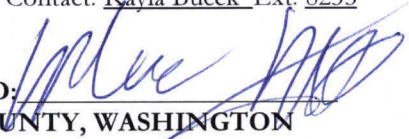
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 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
 BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: 9/26/17

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BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation

I. A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information

Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
1025 / Public Health						
MTCA Grant Funds		(235,987)		(471,974)		
SW Tipping Fees		235,987		471,974		
4014 / Solid Waste						
MTCA Grant Funds		(307,362)		(614,724)		
SW Tipping Fees		307,362		614,724		
Total						

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III. A – Expenditures summed up

Fund #/Title	FTE's	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
		GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Total							

III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Travel						
Other controllables						
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
Total						

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFER

BATCH # _____

DATE 13-Sep-17

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION Public Health

BUDGET YEAR 2017-18

TRAN CD **"JB"**

CONTROL # _____

FUND	PROG	DEPT	BAS	OBJ	WORK ORDER NUMBER	OBJECT CODE DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	PROPOSED BUDGETED AMOUNT	EXP INC/ REV DEC (DR)	REV INC/ EXP DEC (CR)
1025	530	702	334030	100	062531		256,204	183,217	72,987	
1025	530	702	334030	100	062532		325,000	162,000	163,000	
1025	530	702	346500	000	000000		-	235,987		235,987
4014	000	533	334030	100	000000		614,723	307,361	307,362	
4014	000	533	343711	000	000000		-	307,362		307,362
TOTAL									543,349.00	543,349.00

Explanation: Recognition of SW tipping fee increase

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Approved By: _____

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ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09-10

**An ORDINANCE relating to Solid Waste Management Fees
amending CCC 24.12.130 to revise and update current fees.**

1 WHEREAS, Clark County Public Health Department is required by the State of
2 Washington to protect the public's health by providing regulatory oversight that ensures
3 hazardous and solid waste management for the County's residents; and

4 WHEREAS, these activities necessitate administrative, operational and staffing
5 expenditures supported by funding from a source or sources determined by policy directive from
6 the Board of Health and Board of County Councilors; and

7 WHEREAS, the Board of Health and Board of County Councilors have determined the
8 following revenue issues for waste management:

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- 10 • Clark County has the lowest tipping fees other similarly situated counties;
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 - 12 • The waste management program is supported, in part, by monies granted to Clark
13 County from the Washington State Department of Ecology;
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 - 15 • The monies the Department of Ecology has provided in recent years has steadily been
16 in decline;
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 - 18 • The monies provided by the Department of Ecology are provided in the Washington
19 State Capital Budget, which did not pass the Washington State legislature leaving a
20 large budgetary shortfall for the waste management program; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Waste Management program requires continued funding to
23 maintain its current service levels;

24 WHEREAS, Public Health staffing needs to be responsive to significant and
25 sustained changes in service volumes, while ensuring that staffing levels are adequate to
26 provide expertise, protect public safety and a timely response to service requests; and
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28 WHEREAS, this matter is being considered at a duly advertised public hearing
29 and the Council finds that adoption of this ordinance will further the public health, safety,
30 and welfare; now, therefore,

31 BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED by the Board of County Councilors of Clark County, State
32 of Washington, as follows:

33 **Section 1. Amendatory.** Section 13 of Ordinance No. 1978-02-01 as most recently
34 amended by Sec. 1 of Ord. 2006-09-13, and codified as CCC 24.12.130, are all amended to read
35 as follows:

36 **24.12.130 Fees.**

The jurisdictional board of health may establish reasonable fees for permits and renewal of permits. All permit fees collected by the jurisdictional board of health shall be deposited in the county treasury and to the account from which Clark County public health's operating expenses are paid. In addition to such application fee, any permit issued hereunder shall be conditioned upon payment of a reasonable operations fee set by the jurisdictional board of health upon the recommendation of the solid waste advisory commission in an amount sufficient to cover the estimated costs to the county and the jurisdictional board of health in monitoring compliance with the requirements of this chapter and the permit. The county and the jurisdictional board of health shall by interlocal agreement provide for the distribution of the application and operation fees in accordance with the services provided by each.

In August, 2017, the jurisdictional board of health adopted, by ordinance, an amended tipping fee for solid waste disposal. The amended fee schedule is attached as Exhibit "A". Exhibit "A" is on record with the Clark County Clerk.

Section 2. Instructions to Clerk. The Clerk to the Board shall:

1. Record a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Clark County Auditor.

- 2. Transmit a copy of this ordinance to Code Publishing, Inc. to update the electronic version of the Clark County Code. Exhibit "A" is not to be codified.

Section 3. Roll Call Vote. The following persons voted in favor of the above ordinance:

Jeanne E. Stewart; Julie Olson; Marc Boldt; John Blom; and Eileen Quiring.

The following persons opposed adoption of the above ordinance amendments: N/A

ADOPTED on this 26th day of September, 2017 and the ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rebecca Jitor
Clerk of the Board

Marc Boldt
Marc Boldt, Chair

Approved as to Form Only
ANTHONY F. GOLIK
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EXHIBIT A

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