



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 12, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Mike Mrosla, Community Development Manager/City Planner

SUBJECT: 2020 Curbside & Non-Curbside Recycling Fees

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
NA	NA	NA

Council Should Consider

Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-038 setting the 2020 Curbside and Non-Curbside Recycling Fees.

Background

Republic Services provides curbside recycling collection. The recycling budget is an enterprise fund that receives revenues from the annual household fee that is applied to the property taxes and from the SCORE grant provided by Ramsey County. The majority of the expenses are for the collection services provided by Republic Services. Since there are no other dedicated funding sources, the revenue must be balanced with the expenses.

The per unit fee charged by Republic Services for curbside collection is expected to increase in May 2020 based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the Federal Reserve for the Upper Midwest. Based on the anticipated cost of the collection services and the expected revenue from the SCORE grant funds and revenue share, the annual fee for residents receiving curbside collection is proposed to increase from \$51.50 to \$53.00.

Staff is proposing an increase in the annual fee for each housing unit that is not part of the curbside recycling program from \$3.00 to \$3.50. This fee would be applied to Cottage Villas, Hunters Park Condos, Parkshore Apartments, Arden Manor, E Street Flats, Arden Flats, and Johanna Shores.

The increase in fees is the result of a combination of increased costs and reduced revenues to the City. The proposed annual fee increases are \$1.50 per household for curbside recycling, and an additional \$.50 per unit for those not participating in curbside recycling. Ramsey County requires recycling fees to be set by mid-November so they can add them to the upcoming year’s property taxes.

Budget Impact

This information is included in the proposed 2020 budget.

Attachment

A. Resolution 2019-038