

January xx, 2024

Honorable Detroit City Council  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
2 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48226

**Re: Draft Resolution and Fee Schedule for Domestic Solid Waste Collection**

Honorable Detroit City Council Members:

Please find attached, for your consideration, a draft resolution and fee schedule consistent with our ongoing discussions for solid waste collection services provided by the Department of Public Works.

Section 42-2-73 of the 2019 Detroit City Code states that, in accordance with Section 9-507 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter, the Director of the Department of Public Works is authorized to establish necessary rates with the approval of the City Council, through adoption of a resolution, for the regular collection of domestic solid waste from residential property (the “Residential Solid Waste Fee”). The current Residential Solid Waste Fee is \$240.00 annually, which has been in effect since July 1, 2009. On June 1, 2024, the City is expanding its service to include weekly collection of curbside trash, recycling, bulk, and seasonal yard waste, plus weekly collection of debris from vacant lots. The cost of service will exceed the revenue collected from the current Residential Solid Waste Fee.

Following public discussion over the past three months, the Administration and City Council have discussed funding the cost of service through a combination of annual General Fund budget appropriations and an increase in the Residential Solid Waste Fee. The attached resolution has assumed a fee increase is an additional \$10.00 each year for the next three years, beginning on the summer 2024 property tax bill. Eligible Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) and senior citizen properties will continue to receive a 50% discount. The additional annual Multi-Unit Fee will remain the same at \$100.00.

Your approval of the attached Resolution and Fee Schedule for domestic solid waste collection will allow the Department of Public Works to establish the rates within the limits of the authorization specified in the Resolution and Fee Schedule.

Sincerely,

Ron Brundidge  
Director, Department of Public Works

Att: Domestic Solid Waste Fee Resolution and Fee Schedule

Cc: Jay B. Rising, Chief Financial Officer  
Brad Dick, Chief Operating Officer  
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison

## RESOLUTION

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Section 42-2-73 of the 2019 Detroit City Code states that, in accordance with Section 9-507 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter, the Director of the Department of Public Works is authorized to establish necessary rates with the approval of the City Council, through adoption of a resolution, for the regular collection of domestic solid waste from residential property (the “Residential Solid Waste Fee”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Detroit’s current annual Residential Solid Waste Fee is \$240.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is expanding its service to include weekly collection of curbside trash, recycling, bulk, and seasonal yard waste, plus weekly collection of debris from vacant lots; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of service will exceed the revenue collected from the current Residential Solid Waste Fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to fund the cost of service through a combination of annual General Fund budget appropriations and an increase in the Residential Solid Waste Fee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Detroit City Council hereby approves the establishment rates for the regular collection of solid waste from residential property in amounts not to exceed the attached Fee Schedule for domestic solid waste collection; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED**, in a manner consistent with the requirements of this resolution and law, that the Director of the Department of the Department of Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer, or their designees, are hereby authorized and shall take all appropriate actions necessary to establish the necessary rates and to implement the foregoing provisions and actions authorized by this resolution.

**City of Detroit**  
**Department of Public Works**  
**Fee Schedule for Domestic Solid Waste (Sec. 42-2-73 of the 2019 Detroit City Code)**

**Residential Solid Waste Fee:** Properties classified as 401-Residential with single-family uses (e.g., single-family homes, residential condominiums), shall pay a special assessment, as follows:

- \$250.00 annually effective July 1, 2024;
- \$260.00 annually effective July 1, 2025;
- \$270.00 annually effective July 1, 2026; and each year thereafter.

In accordance with Sec. 42-2-73 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, properties with an approved Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) or senior citizen discount shall receive a 50% discount on the Residential Solid Waste Fee.

**Multi-Unit Fee:** Effective July 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, properties classified as 401-Residential with multi-family uses (e.g., two-, three-, and four-family flats) shall pay the Residential Solid Waste Fee as established above, plus an additional \$100.00 special assessment annually.

**APPROVED:**

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Ron Brundidge  
Director, Department of Public Works

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