



ST. CHARLES
SINCE 1834

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: **Recommendation to Approve an Increase to the Yard Waste Fee**

Presenter: Richard Gallas

Please check appropriate box:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government Services 04.25.11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Estimated Cost:		Budgeted:	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

Executive Summary:

In FY10/11, staff recommended an adjustment to our \$3.00/month utility billing fee to cover the actual expenses for brush and leaf collection services. The total costs for the program at that time was \$365,000. Considering there are 9,471 citizens that pay a fee for service on a monthly basis, the recommended fee was \$3.21 rather than the \$3.00/month fee that was in place. Staff recommended a \$0.21 increase to cover the actual expenses of the program above and beyond the \$3.00/month the citizens were paying prior to taking this action.

Note: The prices for the services provided in FY10/11 matched the price from FY09/10 equating to a price freeze or a 0% increase for last fiscal year.

In FY11/12, City staff has met and discussed this service agreement for the upcoming fiscal year. Kramer Tree Service has requested an increase for the program resulting in a revised total cost of \$380,700. Considering there are 9,471 customers that pay the fee for service on a monthly basis, the revised fee would be \$3.35/month to meet the requested increase. Staff recommends a \$0.14 increase to cover the increased expenses for these services. The increase represents a 4.3% increase in the cost for service for this upcoming fiscal year with no anticipated change in service. Since Kramer did not receive an increase last fiscal year, the increase represents a 2.15% increase in each of the last 2 years of service.

Attachments: *(please list)*

N/A

Recommendation / Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Staff recommends approving an increase to the yard waste fee of \$.14/month.

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Agenda Item Number: 6.a III

City of St. Charles, Illinois
Ordinance No. 2011 _____

An Ordinance Authorizing Amendment of Title 3 “Revenue and Finance”, Chapter 3.38, “Yard Waste User Fee”, Section 3.38.010 “User Fee” Of the St. Charles Municipal Code

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Title 3 “Revenue and Finance”, Chapter 3.38 “Yard Waste User Fee”, Section 3.38.010 “User Fee”, of the St. Charles Municipal Code, is hereby deleted in its entirety and in lieu thereof the following language shall be substituted:

3.38.010 User Fee.

A user fee is hereby imposed upon single family residences or any building that contains six or fewer dwelling units, whether they be occupied or not, in the amount of \$3.21 each month **\$3.35 each month.**

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. The rates set forth herein will be effective with the first billing subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. That after the adoption and approval hereof this Ordinance shall (i) be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the Council, or (ii) within thirty (30) days after the adoption and approval hereof, be published in a newspaper published in and with a general circulation within the City of St. Charles.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2011.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2011.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Garrison, City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

DATE: _____