

## **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Commissioner's Court Meeting

Item ID 34551 Agenda Number 135.

Meeting Date: 8/28/2014 Department: Austin Resource Recovery

## Subject

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed rate and fee changes for the Austin Resource Recovery Department as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Proposed Budget.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:					
Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

## Additional Backup Information

Under the City Code, Council must conduct a public hearing to hear public comments on any proposed rate changes for garbage collection rates. Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) is proposing rate changes in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Proposed Budget. Council is scheduled to adopt the budget in September 2014.

The City Code in Section 2-5-45 specifically requires a public hearing before Council approves any changes in electric, water, wastewater, and garbage collection rates.

ARR is proposing:

A \$1.85 rate increase in the monthly base customer charge for both residential and commercial customers;

A \$4.80 rate increase for both residential and commercial 96 gallon trash cart fees;

A \$4.50 rate increase for residential dumpster services in the Central Business District;

And a \$6.60 rate increase for commercial dumpster services in the Central Business District.

ARR is also proposing a \$0.75 rate increase in the residential clean community fee and a \$4.65 rate increase in the commercial clean community fee.

The increased fees will be used to fund existing services and continued ARR Master Plan activities.