

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	48027	Agenda Number	65.
Meeting Date:	8/20/2015	Department:	Austin Resource Recovery	
Subject				
Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on Austin Resource Recovery's proposed rate and fee changes for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:				
Council Committee, 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 2015-16 Proposed Budget. Council is scheduled to adopt the budget in September 2015.

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 \$1.70 rate increase in the monthly base customer charge for both residential and commercial customers.

A \$3.00 rate increase in the monthly clean community fee for commercial customers.

A \$1.60 rate increase per bag or item of unstickered extra trash.

An \$8.00 per hour rate increase for an equipment operator (excluding holidays) for event cleaning.

A \$7.50 per hour rate increase for a worker (excluding holidays) for event cleaning.

A new \$11.50 per cubic yard commercial composting fee for commercial customers in the Central Business District.

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