OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION FEBRUARY 20, 2024AGENDA

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Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:						
An ordinance to adjust the Landfill Tipping Fees at the City of Little Rock's Sanitary Landfill.	√ Ordinance Resolution							
Submitted By:								
Public Works Department		Emily Cox Acting City Manager						
SYNOPSIS	An ordinance to amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 28-25 to increase the Landfill Tipping Fees for Class I, Class IV, Yard Waste and Asbestos type waste entering the City of Little Rock's Sanitary Landfill.							
FISCAL IMPACT	None.							
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the ordinance.							
BACKGROUND	Since 2012, the City of Little Rock has increased Class I Waste and Yard Waste Fees by \$3.00 per ton, and Class IV Waste was increased by \$5.00 per ton. The current fees, along with the proposed fees, are depicted in the table below. After researching the Tipping Fees from other landfills within the State, it was noted that Little Rock's Sanitary Landfill ranked 25 th in the State out of thirty-six (36) total landfills that were analyzed. As a result, approximately two thirds of the landfills within the State charge more than the City of Little Rock.							

When fees are drastically lower than other landfills in the Region, there is a tendency for more trash to be brought in from surrounding Counties, which has the potential to fill up the landfill much faster than anticipated. Based on the analysis, revenue generated from heavy users of the Tipping Fee are not necessarily offsetting the rising cost of designing, constructing and operating the City's landfill.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

Therefore, staff is proposing an increase to be more competitive with the Region, with the understanding that this type of increase should be analyzed more on a regular basis moving forward.

Landfill Tipping Fee Adjustment										
	Current Fees			Proposed Fees						
Description	Co	st Per Ton	Mi	nimum Charge Per Load	Cost Per Ton		Minimum Charge Per Load			
Class I	\$	33.00	\$	25.00	\$	55.00	\$	40.00		
Class IV	\$	30.00	\$	20.00	\$	55.00	\$	40.00		
Asbestos	\$	158.00	\$	100.00	\$	158.00	\$	100.00		
Yard Waste	\$	33.00	\$	20.00	\$	50.00	\$	40.00		