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MEMORANDUM: Recommended Amendment to Fee Schedule for Non-Resident Trash Container Rental

TO: Ritchie Haynes, City Manager

FROM: Nathan Eurey, Public Services Director

DATE: October 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Amend Fee Schedule to Include Rental Fee for Residential Trash Containers Used by Non-City Residents

The City currently allows certain non-city residents (e.g., those owning property adjacent to the City limits or those with pre-existing agreements) to subscribe to our residential trash collection services. While they are charged for the collection service itself, the existing fee schedule does not include a fee for the use of the city-supplied 96-gallon residential trash container.

Cost Recovery:

The cost of each new residential trash container is approximately $90.00. These containers have a finite lifespan and require periodic maintenance, repairs from damage, and eventual replacement.

Equity:

City residents indirectly cover these capital and maintenance costs through their property taxes and general fees. Non-residents who benefit from the use of this City asset should directly contribute to these expenses.

Standard Practice:

Charging a rental fee for City-owned assets used by external entities is a standard and fiscally responsible practice in municipal operations.

Recommended Amendment and Fee Structure:

It is recommended that the City Fee Schedule be amended to add a new line item under "Public Works Services" as follows:

PW-0030	Non-City Residential Trash Container Rental Fee	$50.00 / year

This recommended yearly fee is designed to be self-sustaining for the container inventory without placing an undue burden on the non-resident customer.

Recommendation:

I recommend that you approve the amendment to the City Fee Schedule as proposed above and direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance or resolution for the City Council's consideration at the November City Council meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions or recommended changes.

Sincerely,

Nathan Eurey