

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF**  
**STAFF SUMMARY REPORT**

**To:** The Honorable Mayor and Council  
**From:**  
**Co-Submitter:** Dylan Lenzen  
**Date:** 11/27/2018  
**Meeting Date:** 12/04/2018



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**TITLE:**

**Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-58 and Ordinance No. 2018-45:** An ordinance and resolution amending the Flagstaff City Code, Title 7, *Health and Sanitation*, to update solid waste fees.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

At the December 4, 2018 Council Meeting:

- 1) Read Resolution No. 2018-58 by title only
- 2) Read Ordinance No. 2018-45 by title only for the first time
- 3) City Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2018-45 by title only (if approved above)

At the December 11, 2018 Council Meeting:

- 4) Adopt Resolution No. 2018-58
- 5) Read Ordinance No. 2018-45 by title only for the final time
- 6) City Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2018-45 by title only (if approved above)
- 7) Adopt Ordinance 2018-45

**Executive Summary:**

Staff presented several Solid Waste collection and disposal services rate options to Council at the November 27<sup>th</sup> work session, and received direction to move forward with amending the ordinance rates identified in Option 1.

Option 1:

**Residential Trash and Recycling Service:** 7.5% increase each year for 5 years

**Landfill Fees:** One-time 3% increase

**Commercial Trash and Recycling Service:** One-time 3% increase

**Hoist and Haul Service:** One-time 3% increase

**Financial Impact:**

Rate Option 1 scenario generates increased revenue to fund multiple capital projects. These projects are outlined below:

Option 1

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Implementation Date</b>
<b>Fleet</b>	\$ 1,000,000.00	Annual cost
<b>Landfill Cap (for current working cell)</b>	\$ 5,200,000.00	2022-2024
<b>Landfill Gas Capture (for current working cell)</b>	\$ 2,800,000.00	2023-2025
<b>Post-closure monitoring</b>	\$ 11,000,000.00	Expended over 30 years after closure
<b>Road Infrastructure</b>	\$ 3,000,000.00	2023
<b>Water Infrastructure</b>	\$ 1,800,000.00	2023
<b>Electric</b>	\$ 1,500,000.00	2023
<b>New Cell Construction</b>	\$ 1,000,000.00	2021
<b>Landfill Gas Capture (for new cell)</b>	\$ 3,000,000.00	2021
<b>Volumetric Pricing</b>	\$ 300,000.00	2020-2021
<b>Recycling Outreach</b>	\$ 100,000.00	Annual cost

**Policy Impact:**

The Option 1 rate will generate increased revenue that will fund projects that support the City's Rethink Waste Plan. Projects and programming, such as volumetric pricing and increased recycling outreach, will lead to increases in waste diversion and prevention, which also extends the life of the landfill and delays costly capital projects. Major capital projects, such as landfill gas capture, also directly support the City's climate action goals by reducing the potent greenhouse gases such as methane produced by the landfill.

The increased revenue will also allow the City to update its fleet vehicles, infrastructure, and technology to better serve residents.

Many of these capital projects allow the City to remain in compliance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations covering landfill gas emissions.

**Connection to Council Goal, Regional Plan and/or Team Flagstaff Strategic Plan:**

CLIMATE CHANGE: Take meaningful climate change action. Actively manage and protect all environmental and natural resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Actively manage and protect all environmental and natural resources.

- Further develop sustainability and waste removal policies and programs.

**REGIONAL PLAN:**

Policy E&C.2.1. Encourage the reduction of all energy consumption, especially fossil-fuel generated energy, in public, commercial, industrial, and residential sectors.

Policy E.1.3. Empower all community members to make smarter energy choices through education and incentives.

**Has There Been Previous Council Decision on This:**

No

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**Attachments:**     Res. 2018-58  
                              2018 Update to Solid Waste Fee  
                              Ord. 2018-45