



**REPORT TO LAW &  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
City of Sacramento**

915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2671

Staff Report

May 18, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Discussion and consideration of a Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Impact Fee.

**Location/Council District:** All

**Recommendation:** Direct staff to work with the City Attorney’s office to develop an ordinance implementing a Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Impact Fee.

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**Presenters:** Edison Hicks, Integrated Waste General Manager  
Marty Strauss, Integrated Waste Planning Superintendent

**Department:** Utilities

**Division:** Solid Waste Services

**Organization No:** 14001711

**Summary:**

The proposal is to direct staff to work with the City Attorney’s office to develop an ordinance implementing a Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Impact Fee.

**Background Information:**

The Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Impact Fee was last considered by the Law and Legislation Committee in October 2004. At that time the Law and Legislation Committee directed staff to provide more analysis on how the fee would be funded and inspections implemented.

The purpose of a Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Impact Fee would be to inspect all solid waste and recycling facilities, with the exception of convenient centers (20-20 Recycling Facilities) in the City of Sacramento. Inspections would be for compliance with City Code, including but not limited to:

- a) Hours of operation.
- b) Parking requirements.
- c) Proper signage.
- d) Proper storage of materials on site.
- e) Prevention of litter that may attract vectors that result in a health and safety problem for the surrounding neighborhood.
- f) Lighting
- g) Noise
- h) Security-Fire prevention
- i) Odor

Inspections of the facilities would be completed by a Zoning Code Investigator. The total cost of the program for the first year is estimated to be \$108,584.92 per year.

Solid Waste met with the stakeholders to discuss the proposed fee. Their comments were opposition to an additional fee that will be passed on to their customers, and is a duplicate of inspections that already occur at state permitted facilities and recycling facilities such as Sims Metals. The question of how materials that are transferred between facilities will be tracked was discussed. It was acknowledged by all present there are few companies that cause problems and they need to be monitored for compliance with city code.

**Financial Considerations:**

The cost for the first year to implement a facility impact fee is approximately \$108,584.92 per year. The cost will be financed through either an annual inspection fee per facility or a per ton sur-charge fee paid by the facility.

Annual Inspection Fees:

There are approximately 38 solid waste and recycling facilities located in the City of Sacramento. An inspection fee charged to each facility equally will be \$2,857.49 per facility per year in subsequent years.

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Per Ton Fee:

Solid waste and recycling facilities located in the City of Sacramento process approximately 1.3 million tons of waste per year. This includes both municipal solid waste and recyclable materials. A per ton fee will be equal to twelve cents per ton.

Staff is recommending a per ton fee so smaller facilities do not subsidize larger facilities.

- Under either scenario the cost to finance the Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Impact Fee is expected to be passed on to the rate payer as a regulatory fee requirement.

**Environmental Considerations:**

There have been complaints of odor, noise, lighting and littering near and around the solid waste and recycling facilities in the City of Sacramento. A facility impact fee will help lower these impacts through inspections and enforcement of the City code.

**Policy Considerations:**

Implementation of a Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Impact Fee will address provide for a cleaner city and improve the quality of life for residents of the City.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): NA**

Respectfully Submitted by: 

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Integrated Waste Planning Superintendent

Approved by: 

Edison Hicks  
Integrated Waste General Manager

Recommendation Approved:

  
Gus Vina  
Interim City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**Budget for Solid Waste and Recycling Facility Permit Fee**

Zoning Investigator Officer           \$74,028.00 per year

Customer Service  
Representative ½ FTE           \$29,905.00 per year

Vehicle  
    Purchase                   \$25,000.00  
    Operations and  
    Maintenance           \$1,080.50 per year

Total First Year                   \$108,584.92

**Cost Per Facility:**

Annual Permit Fee: \$2,857.49 per facility per year.

Per Ton Fee:           \$0.12 per ton

❖ Cost of vehicle amortized over 7 years.

Industrial Areas and SW Facilities

