

Title: Ordinance No. 2026-8 Amending Chapter 28, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to Revise Collection and Disposal Fees and Rates for Residential and Commercial Premises (Solid Waste)

Meeting Date: May 11, 2026

Section: Ordinances/1st Read

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District: ALL

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Statement Attached

Summary: Ordinance No. 2026-8 will revise residential and commercial solid waste collection and disposal fees and rates to ensure adequate and sustainable funding for the City's Solid Waste Management Program. The City has completed a comprehensive Solid Waste Rate Study which concluded the operating costs for the City's solid waste management system have increased by 56% since fiscal year 2025, and the current rates are not keeping up with inflation.

The updated rates are designed to serve the public health, safety, and welfare by supporting essential services including facility inspections, operations and maintenance, capital renewals and replacements, and prevention of illegal dumping and litter. Rates are set in accordance with industry standards and cost-of-service methodologies to equitably distribute costs among customers while minimizing administrative burden. If adopted, the revised rates will generate a dedicated revenue stream sufficient to meet the program's current and long-term operational and capital needs.

Recommended Action: Approve Ordinance No. 2026-8 on first reading and request that the Mayor and City Clerk present the draft ordinance for second reading and public hearing at the next regular City Council meeting.