

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown  
FROM: Finance Committee, Rob Bartlett - Chair  
RE: Waste and Recycling Fee  
DATE: September 6, 2023

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The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 4:00 pm to discuss the waste and recycling fee paid by residents of the Village. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee Chair Rob Bartlett, Finance Committee Members Kelly Rankin and Marcy Lewis, Mayor Bill Brown, and Part Time Administrator Chuck Barlow.

Council recently approved accepting a 3% increase in 2024 on the fee that Rumpke charges the Village for collecting waste and recycling. Based on year to date actuals, the expenses incurred by the Village are projected to exceed the revenue collected via the waste and recycling fee plus the recycling rebate we receive from Hamilton County by ~\$400.

Taking into account the 3% increase from Rumpke, in order for the Village to be breakeven (including the recycling rebate), the Village would need to increase its fees by 3.3%. Currently, the fee is \$19.00/month for a house and \$14.26/month for an apartment and is collected via Greater Cincinnati Water Works. With a 3.3% increase and rounding up to maintain a \$4.75 differential between houses and apartments, the proposed fees for 2024 would be \$19.75/month for a house and \$15.00/month for an apartment. The committee voted unanimously to support the new proposed fees for 2024.

If council agrees with this recommendation, the fee increase needs to be passed via resolution. The first reading of the resolution would be at the next council meeting. All three readings can then be completed in time such that the fee increase can go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rob Bartlett, Chairman

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Marcy Lewis, Vice-Chairman

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Kelly Rankin, Member