



Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM24.24	ACTION			Ward:All
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Non Residential Solid Waste Management Rates and Special Category for Charitable Organizations - by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion has been added to the agenda.*

** This Motion requires a two-thirds vote of Members present to re-open Item EX13.2 only as it pertains to non-residential solid waste management rates for non-profit charitable organizations.*

Recommendations

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee as soon as possible on a special category for the Solid Waste Management Rates applied to approved non-profit charitable organizations which comply with criteria that include, but are not limited to the following attributes or specific activities:
 - a. Must have a federal registered charity number and/or be a registered non-profit organization;
 - b. Must receive non-monetary public donations such as clothing, food or furniture;
 - c. Must participate in the City's diversion programs, i.e. organics and recycling, and must conduct a pre-sort of materials;
 - d. Must agree to be subject to waste audits for continued charity exemption status; and
 - e. Must meet the current guidelines for eligibility of the Non-Residential program.

2. City Council direct the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to also include the following provisions in the special category for the solid waste management rates applied to approved non-profit charitable organizations:
 - a. Non profit charitable organizations be exempted from the Non Residential Solid Waste Management rate for the volume of waste generated from public donations;
 - b. No charge be applied for premium organics collection; and
 - c. the special category take effect July 1, 2012 and for the remainder of 2012,

- approved charities be exempt from paying for waste generated from public donations;
and
- d. No new applications be accepted for this special category until Council has made a determination under Part 4c below.
3. City Council authorize the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to issue a refund to eligible non profit Charitable organizations for any new Non-Residential Solid Waste Management fees billed as of July 1, 2012.
 4. City Council direct the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to report back during consideration of the 2013 Solid Waste Operating Budget, such report to include:
 - a. A review of the implementation of the special category for the solid waste management rates applied to approved non-profit charitable organizations;
 - b. Proposed rates for 2013 for the special category, following consultation with affected organizations; and
 - c. Recommendations on whether new organizations can apply for the special category.

Summary

City Council's approval of EX 13.2 "2012 Rate Supported Budgets - Solid Waste Management Services and Recommended 2012 Solid Waste Rates" has an effective date for commencement of billing on July 1, 2012.

Many non-profit charitable organizations that will be subject to the Non- Residential Solid Waste Management Rates have expressed valid issues and concerns involving costs associated with waste generated from public donations, such as food, clothing and furniture.

Solid Waste Management staff met with many affected community stakeholders on May 14th and on June 5th with other community service stakeholders to further develop a "special category" for the solid waste management rates applied to approved non-profit charitable organizations.

The 2012 revenue shortfall arising from the introduction of the "special category" will be absorbed within the 2012 Solid Waste Management Operating Budget and the full impact will be included in the 2013 Operating Budget.

It is a matter of urgency that this matter be reviewed now rather than waiting for the next reporting cycle given that the new Non-Residential Solid Waste Management Rates will become effective July 1, 2012.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Executive Committee Item EX13.2 adopted by City Council on November 29, 30 and December 1, 2011, only as it relates to Non- Residential Solid Waste Management Rates for non-profit charitable organizations.

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012 as MM24.24)

