

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A CHANGE TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 SCHEDULE OF RATES AND FEES FOR CENTRAL LANDFILL AND ALL TRANSFER SITES TO ADD A SPECIAL LEVEL PICKUP TRUCK RATE OF \$10.

AGENDA OF: September 7, 2021

Assembly Action:

Failed by tie vote with Assembly members McKee, Tew & Sumner in support & Hale, Nowers & Bowie opposed. Mayor invoked voting privilege in the negative. Motion failed.

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED ^{for} BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	NS	For Assemblymember Tew
	Public Works Director	<i>TD</i>	08/30/2021
	Finance Director	<i>CX</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>AB</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>AM 8/30/21</i>	<i>AB</i>

ATTACHMENT (S): Fiscal Note: YES X NO
Resolution Serial No. 21-091 (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This legislation is coming forward at the request of Assemblymember Tew.

On March 2, 2021, the Assembly adopted the fiscal year 2022 Schedule of Rates and Fees. The current fee at Central Landfill for up to 200 pounds is \$10, while at the transfer sites it costs \$17 per cubic yard. The Borough should be encouraging the public to bring their garbage to Central Landfill or the transfer sites and the cost should be affordable and consistent, so that waste is not left in the woods or the sides of the road.

The proposed amendment to the fees would apply to both Central Landfill and the transfer sites. A great number of people simply load waste into a pickup truck and dispose of it at the Borough's facilities. To make things predictable and easy for public use, the new charge is to add a Special Level Pickup Truck Rate of \$10. This rate will apply only to household refuse and C&D materials.

This new rate is to be applied to a pickup truck where the refuse in the bed of the truck is level to the sides of the bed and not "piled up." It is understood that there may be times where part of a load sticks out, or the refuse in the bed is slightly over level. It is the intent of this fee that it would still apply to these smaller variations. It is not intended that the special level pickup rate be applied where the load extends far above the level of the bed or where the side of the bed has extensions to make it higher. In those situations, when at the central landfill, the charge can be by the pound (as is currently done), and at the transfer stations, the charge can be by the yards (as is currently done).

This rate will apply only to household and C&D refuse. Other special handling refuse (paint, oil, batteries, etc.) is not subject to this rate.

Past iterations of proposals to offer fee relief and ease for the public have been bogged down with questions over precise definitions, claims of administrative confusion, and the spectre of revenue loss. For clarification, Central Landfill does not weigh waste under 200 pounds and the transfer sites do not have a way to weigh items, so it is done by estimating by cubic yards. It is that same estimation which can be done with the new special rate and only 2 considerations need be taken into account: 1) is it a pickup truck?; and 2) is the refuse load level to the sides of the bed? If the answers to these questions are yes, or even very close to yes, then the special level pickup truck rate will apply.

This rate is to be applied immediately. Rather than debate, forecast, or opine about revenue impacts, the administration should start to collect actual data about how many times the rate is applied, and any issues or conflicts about it, and track overall revenues to see if there is an actual effect. In spring of 2022 the annual resolution to set fees is brought to the Assembly for approval. If administration tracks these issues and any other they believe are applicable, there will be over 6 months of data for the Assembly to decide whether to continue the special rate, or whether it should be discontinued. The Assembly can also get input as to the rate from those whom we are all here to serve: the public.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FISCAL NOTE

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ORIGINATOR: NS for Assemblymember Tew

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <i>XX By Insurance</i>	FUNDING SOURCE <i>WSP Seas</i>
FROM ACCOUNT # <i>510 XXXXX 3XV</i>	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT:	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: <i>[Signature]</i>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <i>8/30/2021</i>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE			<i>XX</i>			
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other			<i>XX</i>			
TOTAL			<i>XX</i>			

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

XX amounts to be determined by insurance

PREPARED BY:

PHONE:

DEPARTMENT:

DATE:

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*

DATE:

8/30/2021