



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Kim Tiehen, Director of Strategic Financial Engagement

**Date:** December 13, 2022

**Reference:** Consider approval of a Resolution amending Resolution No. 010996.3 as amended, amending the Master Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Collection Fees per the contract with Republic, amending for the addition of a deposit for the use of the Block'n Roll Block Party and Tool Lending Trailers, and amending to remove the Mechanical Contractor Registration fee; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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### Introduction:

The City maintains a Master Fee Schedule which is reviewed at least annually, and proposed changes are brought forward for Council's approval. This year changes to fees associated with the Solid Waste contract with Republic, addition of a deposit to reserve the Block'n Roll Block Party and the Tool Lending trailers, and the removal of mechanical contractor registration fee are included in the Master Fee Schedule update.

### Background:

#### Solid Waste Contract with Republic:

The current Solid Waste contract with Republic provides for an annual adjustment of 3.0%. For the residential customer, rates will increase from \$18.22 per month to \$18.77. The senior rate will increase from \$16.40 per month to \$16.89. The commercial rates will reflect the same 3.0% increase. This increase is effective January 1, 2023.

#### Deposit to Reserve the Block'n Roll Block Party and Tool Lending Trailers:

The Block'n Roll Block Party trailer has been available to residents free of charge in 2022. However, due to a significant amount of items that have gone missing or were returned damaged, staff will be implementing a \$100 deposit fee, effective January 1, 2023, for both the Block'n Roll Block Party Trailer and the new Tool Lending Trailer. Residents will be required to pay the deposit fee prior to reserving a trailer. The intent of the deposit fee is to encourage residents to return the trailer contents in clean condition and in good repair. When a trailer is returned to the City with all contents accounted for and in good condition, the deposit will be returned to the applicant. If contents are missing or returned damaged, the \$100 deposit will be kept by the City to cover the costs to replace or repair items.

Removal of the Mechanical Contractor Registration:

House Bill (HB) 871 passed in the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature and stated that the City could no longer collect a registration fee from a mechanical contractor. The City stopped collecting that fee when the HB went into effect on September 1, 2021, and this item is updating the City's Master Fee Schedule to reflect passage of that legislation.

**Benefit to the Community:**

Solid Waste Contract with Republic:

Solid waste removal service is a basic service that the City is expected to provide to the community. The Community Development Department assessed the service provided by Republic, the City's current vendor, and determined Republic is providing solid waste removal service in a manner consistent with requirements outlined in the contract.

Deposit to Reserve the Block'n Roll Block Party and Tool Lending Trailers:

Adding this fee will ensure the long-term sustainability of the trailers so that they can be enjoyed by residents for years to come.

Removal of the Mechanical Contractor Registration:

The City's Master Fee Schedule will reflect changes in State law.

**Legal Review:**

This agenda item was reviewed by the City Attorney during the normal review of the agenda packet.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Solid Waste Contract with Republic:

The City collects the fees on behalf of Republic and then remits the fees to Republic each month. Consistent with prior years, the fee includes a 15% franchise fee which is retained by the City.

Deposit to Reserve the Block'n Roll Block Party and Tool Lending Trailers:

\$100 deposit fee that will be returned if the trailer is returned with all contents in clean condition and in good repair.

Removal of the Mechanical Contractor Registration:

The City no longer collects the \$75 mechanical license fee.

**Recommendation:**

The Strategic Financial Engagement Department recommends approval.