Town Council
Regular Meeting
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Agenda Item: **Ordinance to amend Chapter 63 (SOLID WASTE), Section 63-8 (Schedule of fees) to recategorize type of fee and to increase rate**

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Category: Public Hearings

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Description:
Ordinance to amend Chapter 63 (SOLID WASTE), Section 63-8 (Schedule of fees) to increase the quarterly rate, and to establish a separate rate for specifically identified multi-family properties.

Background/Timing Impact:
The cost to collect and process trash, either in the county's landfill or in the Waste to Energy facility continues to increase annually. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, Fairfax County is proposing to increase the trash charges from $90/ton to $98/ton. On average, the town collects approximately 400 tons of trash per month from town residents. For FY27, the town is proposing to raise the Residential Solid Waste Fee from $21 per quarter to $30 per quarter. The proposed rate increase will ensure recovery of the town's external costs related to trash and recycling. The fee increase was advertised in the Fairfax Times published on March 27, April 3, and April 10, 2026.

In addition, the town is proposing to establish a Multi-family Solid Waste Fee for units of specifically identified multi-family properties. For these properties, the town has specific trash collection contracts in place. The proposed Multi-family Solid Waste Fee rate for FY 2027 is $51 per quarter. Impacted properties are:

- Jefferson Mews
- Lifestyle Condos
- Town of Herndon Brighton
- Town of Herndon Worldgate Crescent
- Metro Square Herndon

Timing Impact
Impacts of the adopted budget and associated rate increases begin with the start of the next fiscal year on July 1, 2026.

Strategic Focus Area:
Strong Fiscal Stewardship

Fiscal Impact:
Based on the proposed rates, annual revenue from the Solid Waste fees is expected to increase by $303K over FY 2026.

Legal Impact:
Changes to the Solid Waste Fee requires an ordinance updating the specific rates defined in the Town Code.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends continuing the public hearings on the proposed ordinance presented at the April 14, 2026 Town Council regular meeting to the April 28, 2026 Town Council regular meeting.

Attachments:
1. FY 2027 Budget Solid Waste Ordinance (Proposed)