



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 4/19/16

CONSENT

ITEM #: 15

MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Free Clean Up Day Collection Fee

SUBMITTED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

BACKGROUND:

Each year the City hosts a Clean Up Day for residents. For the last few years it has been held on the second Saturday of June. The city has collected things such as household items, mowers, bicycles, furniture, appliances, mattresses, and carpet. In the last couple years, residents were charged \$40 for the first load and \$35 for the second load. This included one appliance. Extra appliances, air conditioners and tires had an additional charge.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Should the City continue to charge residents for dropping off items during Clean Up Day?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

Clean Up Day will be June 11th this year. The Environmental Committee is proposing to offer Clean Up Day free of charge to residents. They will help staff the event and are looking into accepting electronics and brush as well.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Over the last few years, fees collected from residents have been in the range of \$2,500 to \$3,500 for this event. This was used to offset the costs to the City, which have been in the range of \$4,500-6,500. Funding from the Washington County Recycling grant had covered the rest. An Environmental Committee volunteer can act as the greeter/screener for the event which will eliminate the need to utilize a paid City staff member for that function.

The grant could cover the additional costs this year by reducing the cost of the new resident guide project. It was proposed to be completed by a staff position that was eliminated. Staff would look to complete the project with either an intern or current staff at a lower pay level.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve waiving the fee for residents for Clean Up Day
- 2) Change the fee structure for Clean Up Day
- 3) Do not make any changes to the fee structure for Clean Up Day 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

If removed from the Consent Agenda, staff recommends a Motion to approve waiving the fee for residents for Clean Up Day