



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 10-YEAR UPDATE FACT SHEET

DPW is updating the City's 2005 Solid Waste Management Plan that is the guide for how solid waste will be managed in the City over the next 10 years. Solid waste rates have been unchanged since 2004 and do not cover costs resulting in a \$14MM revenue shortfall in 2017. Additionally, current rates limit innovation, continuous improvement, and the ability to achieve the City's sustainability goals.

This Plan update and the financial deficit are the basis for Legislation 17-0-1230 that is an ordinance substituted by Finance/Executive Committee to amend Chapter 130 Article III "Municipal Collection and Disposal System" Division 4 Section 130-82 "Fees for Recycling," Section 130-84 "Rates and Charges", and Appendix B of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to adjust the rates charged for recycling and solid waste collection services period beginning January 1, 2018. Other changes associated with these ordinance amendments are:

- Establishment and 90% goal of waste diversion from landfills towards beneficial reuse
- Elimination of the Front Footage Fee and replaced with a:
 - Vacant Lot assessment of \$500 per year
 - Commercial Lot assessment of \$400 per year
- Issue Request for Proposal for long-term disposal services for City managed waste to:
 - stabilize disposal rates and
 - provide for improved diversion options for the City's 90% diversion goal
- Modernize the collection fleet to reduce operation and maintenance costs
- Expand collection to commercial and multi-family waste to increase revenues
- Improve counter-illegal dumping efforts through increased enforcement and opening community drop-offs centers
- Institute scheduled, twice per year bulky waste collection replacing monthly unscheduled collections to reduce costs and improve efficiency
- Continue Cleaning, Greening, and Community Beautification (sign removal, street basket and dead-animal collection, ROW maintenance, street sweeping, and vacant lot cleaning)
- Current rates limit innovation, continuous improvement, and challenge sustainability goals
- Current and proposed residential annual rates increases are as follows:
 - Recycling – currently \$88.00; proposed \$102.24
 - Collection – currently \$307.19; proposed \$326.73
 - Front Footage Fee – Approximately \$60.00; proposed \$0.00 (eliminated)