The City of Morristown

Finance Department

Morristown City Council
Agenda Item Summary

Date: August 5, 2025

Agenda Item: Adopt an ordinance amending Title 17, Chapter 1, Section 110(b) of the Morristown Municipal Code for the purpose of changing the garbage fee to $21.00 per month effective September 1, 2025.

Prepared By: Andrew Ellard

Subject: Garbage Collection Fee

Background: The Solid Waste Fund, from which the City operates weekly household waste collection and bi-weekly recycling collection, was developed into a self-sustaining fund. The fund operates without property tax support, but rather a monthly garbage fee.

Findings/Current Activity:

Though we had not planned on a change to the garbage rate in FY 2026, the Solid Waste Board recently approved a 20% increase to the tipping fee at the landfill effective August 1, 2025. Our estimates suggest that this will increase the cost to the Solid Waste Fund by 5%.

Financial Impact:

Though the landfill tipping fees are increasing 20%, we estimate impact to our fund to be 5%. An increase from $20 to $21 per month would be an appropriate change to avoid negative impact to the Solid Waste Fund.

Action options/Recommendations:

Staff recommends adoption.

Attachment:

Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____,
BEING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 110(b) OF THE MORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Morristown that the text of Title 17, Chapter 1, Section 110(b) of the Municipal Code is deleted in its entirety and substituted therefore is the following:

> Fee amount. The residential and small commercial garbage service user fee is established at a rate of twenty-one dollars ($21.00) per month per MHC located at the premises. This fee shall be effective as of September 1, 2025, with the prior twenty dollar ($20.00) fee remaining in place until such time.

This ordinance shall take effect upon second and final reading, the public welfare requiring same.

Adopted on Second and Final Reading this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
Mayor

Attest:

_____
City Administrator