

Solid Waste New and Replacement Cart Cost Analysis

Pursuant to ARS 9-499.15, the following provides a cost analysis for the proposed fee increase for residential solid waste carts (for both the initial cost of carts for newly constructed homes charged at the time of the request for a single-family permit and replacement carts).

Through the comprehensive review of solid waste fees, Town staff has identified that the fee the Town is charging no longer covers the cost of the cart and other associated fees. To achieve full cost recovery, the proposed cart fee is \$100, an increase of \$25 from the current \$75 fee as shown in the schedule below.

| | Cart Fee |
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| Current Fee | \$75.00 |
| Proposed Fee | \$100.00 |

The schedule below shows the fee components totaling \$100.

| Fee Component | Cost |
|--|---------------|
| Cart Fee (Paid to Provider) | \$74.00 |
| Cart Placement / Removal at Service Address (Paid to Provider) | \$17.00 |
| Administrative | <u>\$9.00</u> |
| Total Cost Per Cart | \$100.00 |

The annual revenue increase will depend on the number of carts purchased, mainly as a result of new, single-family homes constructed. Assuming that number is 1,000 in a fiscal year, with two carts per house, the annual revenue increase would be \$50,000 as shown in the schedule below.

| Fee Increase per Cart | \$25 |
|--|--------------|
| Number of Carts per Single-Family Home | <u>2</u> |
| Fee Increase per Single-Family Home | \$50 |
| Estimated Number of New Homes in a Fiscal Year | <u>1,000</u> |
| Revenue Increase from Fee Increase | \$50,000 |

The Queen Creek Town Council will consider the fees for residential solid waste services new and replacement carts at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway, Queen Creek, Arizona. Information relating to the proposed fee change is available in the Town Clerk's office at 22358 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, Arizona and on the Town's website QueenCreekAZ.gov.