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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE _____
COUNCIL BILL 117449

AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of Seattle Public Utilities; establishing rates and charges for solid waste services for the One Less Truck Pilot Program; and amending Chapter 21.40.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, Resolution 30990 outlines actions to be taken to reach the City's goal of recycling 60% of the waste produced within the City, including direction to conduct a pilot project to test the costs, benefits, and operational impacts associated with an every other week frequency for garbage collection; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Public Utilities is establishing an One Less Truck Pilot Program (Program) for six months, which should be completed no later than January 31, 2013, so that it can use the test results in determining whether to implement every other week garbage collection frequency City-wide; and

WHEREAS, a change in City-wide garbage collection frequency to every other week would reduce collection costs for Seattle Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Program, Seattle Public Utilities wishes to establish temporary rates applicable during the Program and to test alternative rate structures; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 21.40.050.A of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

21.40.050 Residential can rates and charges.

A. Charges for residential can garbage and rubbish collection and disposal service shall be in accordance with the following-schedules:

- 1. All residences with curbside/alley garbage container pickup, except residences assigned to the One Less Truck Pilot Program, as set forth in subsection 21.40.050.A.12: a



charge per month or portion thereof, for once-a-week service for each service unit subscribed to, billed directly to the owner, homeowner association, or occupant thereof as follows:

	Effective through December 31, 2010	Effective January 1, 2011	Effective January 1, 2012
Service Units	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit
Micro-can (10-12 gallon)	\$15.65	\$16.55	\$17.55
Mini-can (18-20 gallon)	\$19.15	\$20.30	\$21.55
32 gallon can	\$24.85	\$26.40	\$28.05
60 to 65 gallon cart	\$49.70	\$52.80	\$56.10
90 to 96 gallon cart	\$74.55	\$79.20	\$84.15

2. All residences with backyard garbage container pickup, except residences assigned to the One Less Truck Pilot Program, as set forth in subsection 21.40.050.A.12: a charge per month or portion thereof, for once-a-week service for each service unit subscribed to, billed directly to the owner, homeowners association, or occupant as follows:

	Effective through December 31, 2010	Effective January 1, 2011	Effective January 1, 2012
Service Units	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit	Rates per Service Unit
32 gallon can	\$34.80	\$36.95	\$39.25
60 to 65 gallon	\$69.60	\$73.90	\$78.50



cart			
90 to 96 gallon cart	\$104.40	\$110.85	\$117.75

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12. Seattle Public Utilities shall conduct an One Less Truck Pilot Program (Program) for approximately 800 residences assigned to participate in the Program for six months, to be completed no later than January 31, 2013. All residences assigned to the Program shall be billed a charge per month or portion thereof, for every other week service for each service unit subscribed to, billed directly to the owner, homeowner association, or occupant effective for the six-month Program to be completed no later than January 31, 2013, as follows:

For residences with curbside/alley garbage container pickup:

	<u>Rate Structure "A"</u>	<u>Rate Structure "B"</u>
<u>Service Units</u>	<u>Rates per Service Unit</u>	<u>Rates per Service Unit</u>
<u>Micro-can (10-12 gallon)</u>	<u>16.40</u>	<u>8.60</u>
<u>Mini-can (18-20 gallon)</u>	<u>20.40</u>	<u>14.40</u>
<u>32 gallon can</u>	<u>25.10</u>	<u>24.20</u>
<u>60 to 65 gallon cart</u>	<u>31.25</u>	<u>40.50</u>
<u>90 to 96 gallon cart</u>	<u>39.30</u>	<u>68.00</u>



1 For residents with backyard garbage container pickup:

2 A rate equal to 1.4 times the "A" or "B" Program rate for curbside/alley garbage pickup.

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4 The SPU Director is authorized to assign approximately 800 residences to participate in
5 the Program and assign each participating residence to either the "A" or "B" rate structure.

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8 The SPU Director is authorized to pay a stipend of up to \$100 to each residence
9 participating in the Program no later than two months after the end of the Program, the amount of
10 which the SPU Director shall determine based on the rate paid by each residence during the
11 Program.

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14 Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. If
15 any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent
16 jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provision or provisions shall be null and void and
17 severed from the rest of this ordinance, and all other provisions of this ordinance shall remain
18 valid and enforceable.

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20 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
21 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
22 shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.



1 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2012, and signed by me in
2 open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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9 Michael McGinn, Mayor

10 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of Seattle Public Utilities; establishing rates and charges for solid waste services for the One Less Truck Pilot Program; and amending Chapter 21.40 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation would establish rates for customers who participate in the One Less Truck Pilot Program (Program) to take place in the latter half of 2012. The legislation would authorize the Director of Seattle Public Utilities to select the residences to participate in the Program and assign participating residences to one of two test rate structures. The legislation would also authorize the Director to establish and pay a stipend to customers participating in the Program.

Background:

Resolution 30990 outlines actions to be taken to reach the City's goal of recycling 60% of the waste produced within the city, including pilots to test alternative collection frequencies by 2011. The 2012 budget includes resources in the Solid Waste Fund to implement a Program to assess whether every-other-week garbage collection may help advance City recycling goals, save money, and maintain customer satisfaction levels. With less frequent garbage pick-up, customers may be motivated to divert more organic waste (which has weekly pick-up) and recyclables from their garbage. The Program will be conducted in a sample of neighborhoods that reflect the diversity of Seattle and will provide data to help the City evaluate this type of garbage collection for contract periods beginning in 2014.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

The 2012 Adopted Budget includes \$205,000 for the Program. No additional appropriation authority is required.



Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**

This legislation does not have indirect financial implications.

- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

Without implementation of the Program, the City will not be able to assess customer behavior and satisfaction levels, environmental benefits, and possible cost savings from a potential switch from weekly to every other week garbage collection.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

No.

- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**

There are no possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives.

- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

RCW 35.21.157 states "a city that contracts for the collection of solid waste, or provides for the collection of solid waste directly shall notify the public of each proposed rate increase for solid waste handling service. The notice may be mailed to each affected ratepayer or published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the collection area."

- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

- h) **Other Issues:**

None

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

