



City Council Agenda Bill

20316

Bill Number

Subject: Resolution Increasing the User Fee for the Clean Green Transfer Facility and Providing a Slight Decrease in the Operating Season

Summary Statement: Following the recommendations of the Whatcom County Solid Waste Executive and Advisory Committees, Whatcom County's financial contribution to the Clean Green Program will be \$25,000 in 2014 and will be eliminated in 2015. On February 10, 2014, City Council discussed the Clean Green Program and the need for additional revenue to continue the program. The proposed resolution increases the user fee from \$5.00 per load to \$10.00 per load, effective April 1, 2014. The proposed resolution also provides a slight decrease in the operating season.

Previous Council Action: Council direction provided on February 10, 2014.

Fiscal Impact: The 2014 budget provides \$25,000 in solid waste funding from the City to match the County's 2014 contribution of \$25,000. User fee increases are needed to attempt to keep the \$300,000 program fully funded. If user fees do not cover operating costs, Solid Waste Fund reserves may be needed to balance the budget.

Funding Source: Solid Waste Fund

Attachments: Resolution

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Council Vote Requested	24-Feb-2014	Pass Resolution	Ted Carlson, PW Director	10 min

Council Committee:

Public Works / Public Safety

Terry Bornemann, Chair

Michael Lilliquist; Jack Weiss

Committee Actions:

Council Action:

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Reviewed By	Initials	Date
Ted Carlson, PW Director	TAC	2/14/14
Legal	MTS	3/14/14
Mayor	KL	2-18-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM INCREASING THE USER FEE FOR THE CLEAN GREEN FACILITY AND PROVIDING A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE OPERATING SEASON

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham (the "City") operates the Clean Green Transfer facility located at the corner of Lakeway Drive and Woburn Street in the City of Bellingham, which provides the Whatcom County community with a place to deposit yard waste; and

WHEREAS, historically the Clean Green program has been funded through user fees supplemented by contributions from both the City and Whatcom County (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, County contributions to the Clean Green program will be \$25,000 in 2014 and will cease entirely in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the approved City budget dedicates \$25,000 in City solid waste tax revenues to support the Clean Green program in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the current \$5.00 per load user fee generated \$125,313 in revenue with program expenses totaling \$274,818; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to continue the Clean Green program in 2014 but has determined that an increase in the user fee and a slight decrease in the operating season are needed to sustain the program financially.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

Section 1 – User Fee.

Effective April 1, 2014, the user fee at the Clean Green Transfer facility shall be \$10.00 per load. A "load" is two (2) cubic yards or less of organic material.

Section 2 - Season and Hours of Operation.

The Clean Green program shall be open for business on Saturdays and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from March 1, 2014 through October 26, 2014.

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PASSED by the Council this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Council President

APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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