

Agenda Item VI.A.



Meeting Date: August 1, 2023

Department: Planning & Zoning

Topic: Ordinance 2023-5, Solid Waste

Board Action: The Board is being asked to set a public hearing for needed revisions to the solid waste ordinance to coincide with the rate changes previously approved by the Board.

Attachment:

1. Ord 2023-5 Solid Waste, Waste Containers

Summary: The proposed ordinance addresses several necessary Public Works updates to the County code. Section 13-1, Subsections A & B involve nomenclature revisions along with a civil penalty of \$250 for illegally dumping at convenience sites. This change was precipitated due to the increased amount of discarded waste left at the gates of convenience centers after hours, prompting both Public Works and the Sheriff's Office to get involved when this activity occurs. Section 13-4 also includes changes to the verbiage, while striking Subsection D altogether concerning fees associated with the Town of Amherst. The Board approved rate changes for all Amherst County commercial residential tipping fees at the July 18th meeting, which included disposal fees for the Town's contracted hauler, thereby eliminating their non-fee structure. Section 13-7 includes a minor revision of the language to allow verbal approval for dumping inert material in the County landfill. Section 13-10, Subsection S elucidates the aforementioned July 18th solid waste fee revision schedule, removing language involving free disposal by commercial residential haulers, as well as amending language in Subsection B. The final adjustment is under Section 13-28, Subsection A, correcting the name of the department from Solid Waste Management to Public Works.

Recommended Motion: I move that the Board direct staff to advertise Ordinance 2023-5 for a public hearing on August 15, 2023.

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Solid Waste Management Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. Goal 1, Objective 1: Explore other cost-sharing or saving opportunities.