



City Council Report

Date: April 21, 2003
To: City Council
Through: Mike Hutchinson
From: Bryan Raines, Neighborhood Services Manager
Subject: Downtown Parking Rate Adjustments
 Council District #4

Purpose and Recommendation

In downtown Mesa, the parking program is managed by the Mesa Town Center Corporation (MTCC) under contract to the City of Mesa. This program provides free customer and permitted employee parking in surface lots and structures throughout the downtown area. After review by MTCC staff and City staff it is recommended that the monthly rental rates for permitted parking throughout this area be increased by varying amounts. This would be the first program-wide adjustment to parking rates since 1996 and only the second rate increase for garage patrons since the program was initiated in FY'87/88.

Background & Discussion

With the Pepper, Pomeroy, South Serrine St., and Centennial Garage structures and various surface lots located throughout the downtown core primarily between 1st Street and 1st Avenue, the parking program accommodates 3,200 employees in a mixture of monthly rentals, and longer term parking licenses and provides extensive free customer parking opportunities throughout the downtown. The monthly rentals and longer term parking licenses provide permitted parking for business employees and regular patrons Monday through Friday from 6am to 6pm.

Four basic recommendations are being proposed:

- 1) That the monthly rate structures be adjusted as outlined below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current*</u>	<u>Recommended*</u>	<u>% change</u>
Surface Parking	\$28	\$30	7.1%
Garage (shaded)	\$39	\$41	5.1%
Garage (unshaded roof & below grade)	N/A	\$20	new rate
Part-Time Employees	\$17.55	\$20	13.9%
Daily Permit	\$1.55	\$2	29.0%

* Monthly, plus applicable tax

- 2) As determined by the MTCC, and based on specific parking requirements or demands, organizations may be required to pay a 10% premium for special designation of a limited number of spaces or they may be eligible to receive a discount of up to 10% if they internally manage and collect fees for a significant number of permitted and/or licensed spaces.
- 3) The new rates would become effective on billings for July 2003 and thereafter and the City's Real Estate Division Rates would monitor the existing longer-term parking licenses so that the rates are adjusted as permitted within the terms of each specific license.
- 4) As opportunities become available, the City continue to enter into short term agreements as the requests for fleet vehicle parking emerge, utilizing and receiving revenue from otherwise unused parking resources (surface lots and areas within garage structures) based on requests from local downtown businesses.

Alternatives

These are the first recommended rate adjustments to the parking management plan since 1996. While the part-time employee and daily permits rates show a considerable adjustment in respect to percentage change, staff believes that their low initial rate and their limited utilization history warrant the proposed adjustment.

The City Council may elect to increase the rates more or less than what is being recommended. An additional alternative would be not to adjust the rates at this time.

Fiscal Impact

It is anticipated that these adjustments would create \$33k in additional annual revenue in FY'03/04. Under the terms of the City's contract with the MTCC excess revenues from the operation of the City's parking program are to be used to offset program expenses, including the necessary maintenance to parking facilities. In FY'01/02 the parking management program generated approximately \$25k in revenues over expenditures. For the first seven months of FY'02/03, revenues over expenditures are running at +\$14k.

Concurrence

The Executive Director of the MTCC has participated in the establishment of these rates. The Neighborhood Services Department and the Real Estate Services Division of the Development Services Department support these recommendations.

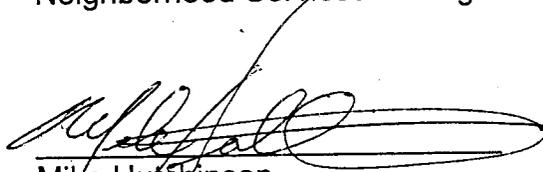
The Mesa Town Center Corporation has notified potentially impacted parking patrons of these recommendations.



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Mike Hutchinson,
City Manager



City Council Report

Date: April 17, 2003
To: Mayor and City Council
Through: Mike Hutchinson, City Manager
 Paul Wenbert, Deputy City Manager
From: Dave Plumb, Utilities Manager
Subject: Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Utility Rate Adjustments

PURPOSE AND RECOMMENDATION

Indicated below, in accordance with the development of the Fiscal Year 03/04 budget plan, are proposed increases in Electric, Natural Gas, Water and Wastewater Utility revenues:

Water	5.0%
Wastewater	6.0%
Electric	3.0%
Natural Gas	5.0%

Attachment #1 (Average Homeowner's Charges Survey) is a comparison that reflects the impact of the proposed rate adjustments on residential utility customers. The survey, which compares resident costs (such as property taxes, sales taxes and utility charges, not including natural gas and electric utility services) in the City of Mesa with other local valley municipalities, indicates that Mesa's overall cost remains the lowest.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Water

As the City's largest utility, the water system currently serves approximately 128,000 residential and commercial accounts both inside and outside the City limits. Originally divided into separate zones with separate rates based primarily on the source of the water used to serve the area, the water rates between zones were equalized in FY 97/98. This change eliminated the need for three separate groups of water rates each specific to a certain geographic zone.

The Budget Plan requires an increase of revenue from water utility services of 5 percent for FY 03/04. The proposed rate adjustments generally follow the procedures that the City has historically followed when adjusting water utility rates to generate increased levels of revenue. The recommended adjustments are to increase the current Service Charges and the two tiers of the Volume (or

consumption) charges for all customer classes by 5 percent. Pumping surcharges for upper pressure zones will remain as they are currently.

SERVICE CHARGE	\$ 8.90 / MONTH
VOLUME CHARGE	
1-12,000 GALLONS	\$ 1.79 / 1000 GALLONS
OVER 12,000 GALLONS	\$ 2.67 / 1000 GALLONS

The impact of the proposed water rates for FY 03/04 have been estimated based on the change to the annual charges for residential customers with a ¾" service who use an average of 12,000 gallons of water per month. Based on these assumptions, the impact of the rate adjustment is:

Residential ¾" service	+5.2%	+ \$18.00 annually	+ \$1.50 monthly
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It should be noted that commercial and multi-unit dwelling water customers could realize increases in their water charges beyond that of the residential accounts because of the surcharge added when the amount of their water consumption exceeds the average of their combined monthly usage for the months of December through February.

Wastewater

The Budget Plan requires an increase of revenue from wastewater utility services of 6 percent for FY 03/04. This change is anticipated to result in moderate increases in most rates affecting the 110,000 waste water utility customers to varying degrees. The recommended adjustments are to increase all current elements of the rates for all classes of customers by 6%.

It is important to note that unlike the rates charged in our other utilities, wastewater rates are governed by a variety of federal regulations that require the rate structure to consider both the amount of sewage discharged by a customer and the relative "strength" of that discharge. These requirements are related to the references on our individual rate schedules that are labeled the "User Charge" component. The goal of the user charge system is to ensure that rates reflect proportionality, i.e., the more it costs to treat a particular class of customers' wastewater, the more that class should pay per unit of wastewater discharged. This explains why the rates vary as much as they do, as well as the large number of different customer classes.

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Most residential wastewater utility customer bills are driven by the amount of water consumed during the winter months referred to as the "winter water average". As a result, customers in the single-family residential classification will experience differing levels of increases (or decreases) in their bills depending on the amount of water used during the winter period.

The projected impact of the increase in wastewater utility rates for FY 03/04 for the average residential customer's winter water consumption of 8,064 gallons per month are indicated below:

Residential Inside-City Service	+6.07%	+\$11.64 annually	\$.97
monthly			

Multi-unit dwelling accounts will see comparable increases in their rates depending on the amount of water used. In the commercial classes, the impact of the rate adjustments will vary with some customers realizing larger increases than others in the same rate class.

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Electric

The Electric Utility currently serves 16,000 residential and commercial customers. The proposed rate increase of 3 percent is the first adjustment to rates since FY 93/94. The average residential customer consumes 879 kWh per month. With the proposed changes, the difference in the monthly bills (based on average monthly consumption levels) for a City of Mesa residential customer and the Salt River Project will increase from \$ 2.99 per month to \$5.00 per month in the summer and from \$ 9.86 per month to \$11.43 per month in the winter. The average residential consumer will experience an increase of \$2.01 per month in the summer and \$1.57 per month in the winter. The rate structure is shown below. The summer and winter seasons are for the months from May to October and November to April respectively.

	May/Oct			Nov/Apr		
	Existing	Proposed	Change	Existing	Proposed	Change
CUSTOMER CHARGE						
Billing/Collection	\$2.50	\$2.57	\$0.07	\$2.50	\$2.57	\$0.07
Metering	\$2.53	\$2.59	\$0.06	\$2.53	\$2.59	\$0.06
Meter Reading	\$0.57	\$0.59	\$0.02	\$0.57	\$0.59	\$0.02
Total	\$5.60	\$5.75	\$0.15	\$5.60	\$5.75	\$0.15
ENERGY CHARGE						
Generation	\$0.03640	\$0.03640	\$0.00000	\$0.03300	\$0.03300	\$0.00000
Distribution						
0 - 800 kWh				\$0.03430	\$0.03614	\$0.00184
> 800 kWh				\$0.01340	\$0.01467	\$0.00127
0 - 1,200 kWh	\$0.04760	\$0.04989	\$0.00229			
> 1,200 kWh	\$0.04460	\$0.04681	\$0.00221			
MINIMUM CHARGE	\$5.60	\$5.75	\$0.15	\$5.60	\$5.75	\$0.15

Natural Gas

The Budget Plan requires an increase of revenue from gas utility services of 5 percent for FY 03/04 for the City's 39,000 natural gas customers. The City of Mesa gas rates have been adjusted five other times in the past twelve years. It should also be noted that even with the proposed changes, the monthly bill (for non-fuel costs components) for a City of Mesa Gas Utility residential customer is still lower than Southwest Gas in the summer period (average consumption of 16 Therms per month) and is slightly higher in the winter period (average consumption of 57 Therms per month).

	SW GAS CORP - SUMMER	CURRENT RATES - SUMMER	PROPOSED RATES SUMMER	SW GAS CORP - WINTER	CURRENT RATES - WINTER	PROPOSED RATES WINTER
Monthly bill	\$ 15.80	14.74	\$ 15.41	32.68	\$ 32.62	\$ 34.10
Difference Compared to SW Gas	0	(\$ 1.06) (6.71) %	(\$.39) (2.47) %	0	(\$.06) (.18) %	\$1.42 4.35%

Gas service rates are calculated using four factors: a flat service charge, the usage charge per Therm, the gas cost adjustment factor and the heating value factor. The gas cost adjustment is based on the cost to the City's gas operations for the price of gas purchased. The heating value factor is used in the usage conversion to Therms. A Therm is that amount of gas having a heating value of 100,000 BTU (British Thermal Units). The current recommendation is to increase the service charge and the usage charge per Therm. Overall net effect of the recommended change is 5 percent (see Attachment 2). The City's gas purchase prices may have an additional effect on the gas cost adjustment factor we use for the monthly calculation of gas charges to our customers.

To assess the impact of these recommendations the proposed gas rates for FY'03/04 have been estimated to change the annual charge for residential customers by the following amounts:

Residential service +5% \$12.90 annually \$ 1.48 monthly (winter – 57 therms)
 \$ 0.67 monthly (summer – 16 therms)

ALTERNATIVES

There are several alternatives to the staff recommendations which are available to the Council. In addition to the staff recommendations at least two other options exist for the proposed adjustments in each of the four areas, these are:

1. Do not proceed with the proposed increases to the rates and make commensurate budget reductions.
2. Adjust the proposed level of changes to the rate charges other than that outlined with equivalent budget adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACTS

It is proposed that the rates in the four utility areas be adopted on the following schedule. Barring unforeseen issues, the ordinance adjusting natural gas rates would be introduced by Council on 6/2/03, and receive Council approval on 6/30/03. The revised natural gas rates would become effective on 8/1/03.

For electric, water and wastewater rate adjustments, Council would pass a notice of intention on 5/5/03, introduce the ordinances on 6/02/03, and have a public hearing and receive Council approval on 6/30/03. The revised water and wastewater rates would also become effective on 8/1/03.

Under this adoption schedule it is anticipated that the additional FY 03/04 revenue from these recommendations will total \$7,247,470. By utility, the increase in revenues (eleven months) are broken down as follows:

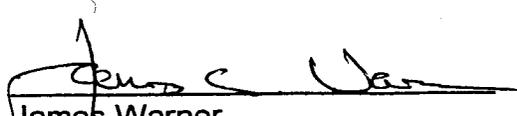
Water	\$3,556,215
Wastewater	\$2,283,046
Electric	\$ 732,639
Natural Gas	<u>\$ 675,569</u>
TOTAL	\$7,247,470

CONCURRENCE

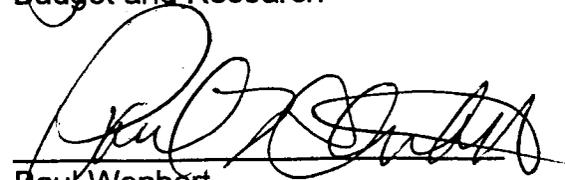
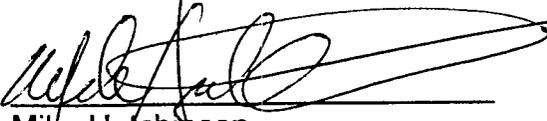
Concurrence with these recommendations has been received from the Budget and Research Division and the Utilities Department.



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Attachments:

1. Average Homeowner's Charges Survey – Local Comparisons
2. Twenty-five Year Residential Rate History & Comparative Residential Natural Gas Rates
3. Modified rate sheets, ordinances & resolutions



Finance Committee Report

Date: April 14, 2003
To: Finance Committee
Through: Mike Hutchinson
 Paul Wenbert
 Jack Friedline
From: Tim Mahon
Subject: Solid Waste Rate Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to recommend rate increases for fiscal year 03-04 to generate the required revenues needed for the fiscal year 2003-2004 budget plan.

Background and Discussion

Mesa's Solid Waste Division currently serves 112,000 residential and commercial customers. The proposed rate adjustments continue to support a more equitable fee structure whereby customers are charged either for solid waste collection based on the amount they generate or for a specialized service to be performed. Each year, City staff reviews the solid waste system's actual previous fiscal year expenditures, as well as the current and upcoming fiscal year's projected revenue generation, expenditures, and contributions to the General Fund. As developed from this review, the following are recommended modifications to the solid waste rate schedule:

- 1) **Increase the monthly fee for solid waste service for once per week refuse collection and once per week recycling collection for single-family residences, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and businesses by \$0.89 (\$0.64 for customers with 60-gallon refuse barrels per month).** Increases reflect the following: \$17.75 to \$18.64 for 90-gallon service and \$16.00 to \$16.64 for 60-gallon service (under R1.2, R1.26, and R3.8 rate schedules).

Increase the monthly fee for solid waste service for once per week refuse collection and once per week recycling collection for mobile home and recreational developments by \$1.10 (\$1.25 for once per week solid waste collection per month). Increases reflect the following: \$14.40 to \$15.50 (under R3.7) and \$9.75 to \$11.00 for once per week solid waste collection (under R3.7) per each occupied space.

- 2) **Increase the fee for green waste barrel service from \$3.75 to \$4.40 (under R1.28 rate schedule per month).** There are currently over 25,500 customers participating in the green waste barrel recycling program. The \$0.65 per month recommended increase would fund new barrel purchases, growth and associated processing costs as well as inflationary program costs.
- 3) **Increase the fee for an extra garbage barrel from \$8.00 to \$8.80 (under R1.21 and R3.81 rate schedules).** Currently, there are 5,777 customers who have two or more garbage barrels. The proposed \$0.80 per month increase is to help fund projected landfill disposal fee increases in fiscal year 03-04.
- 4) **Increase the fee for once per week solid waste collection and once per week recycling collection at multi-unit dwellings between 5-11 units from \$14.40 to \$15.50 (under R1.24 rate schedule).** Customers on this rate type, currently 70 complexes, are paying a fee less than that being imposed at other multi-unit properties. Since they generate the same amount of waste and receive the same amount of service as other residential multiple-unit properties, the goal is to incrementally increase the fee until it is equal to the single-family rate.
- 5) **Increase the bulk item collection fee from \$12.50 to \$15.00 (under R1.2, R3.2, R3.5, R3.7, and R3.8 rate schedules).** The bulk item program remains a convenient method to dispose of items that will not fit into a garbage barrel. Items commonly collected include couches, patio furniture, and carpeting. The current full recovery expense of bulk item collection is \$17.50 per pick-up. Although the proposed increase from \$12.50 to \$15.00 will not recover all of the costs, it will help to offset expenses while continuing to promote neighborhood beautification. Staff proposes to incrementally increase the fee until it reflects the full cost recovery of the service.
- 6) **Increase the appliance collection fee from \$12.50 to \$15.00 per appliance (under R1.2, R3.2, R3.5, R3.7, and R3.8 rate schedules).** The appliance collection program allows customers to dispose of household appliances conveniently. Items commonly collected include refrigerators, washers, dryers, evaporative coolers, and air conditioners. Currently, Mesa residents pay \$12.50 for the first appliance and \$7.50 for each additional appliance up to four. Staff recommends charging \$15.00 per appliance, similar to the fees for bulk item collection. The proposed increase from \$12.50 to \$15.00 per appliance will bring this program to full cost recovery. Both the appliance collection and bulk item collection services work to keep Mesa's neighborhoods clean.
- 7) **Increase the service fee for the homeowner monthly landfill program from \$8.50 to \$10.50 per one-ton load.** Through the homeowner landfill program, homeowners (R1.2 residential solid waste rate customers) may dispose of up to 2,000 pounds, once per month, if they show their most current City of Mesa utility

bill with the R1.2 rate. During FY 01/02, over 34,000 homeowner trips were made to the landfill at a cost of over \$289,000 to the City. At the current fee of \$8.50 per monthly trip, the City recovered 79% of those costs (\$228,000). The recommended increase would provide enough revenue to cover our current costs, expected inflationary increases, and would pass the full costs of this program on directly to the users. It should be noted that even with these adjustments, Mesa's homeowners will continue to benefit from the City's discounted rate (once per month) rather than paying the standard "gate rate" of \$34 per ton.

- 8) **Increase the barrel special pickup fee from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per barrel for collection on bulk item collection day and from \$15.00 to \$16.00 per barrel for collection on non-bulk item day collection.**

Solid Waste currently offers special pickups on an on-call basis for residents who need a one time, extra refuse collection.

- 9) **Establish new fees of \$5.00 for delivery of barrels and "barrel not out" fee.** Staff proposes establishing a one time \$5.00 set up fee when a refuse account or service is turned on. Charging this one time set up fee would help offset the costs associated with barrel delivery and maintenance services. This new fee is estimated to bring in approximately \$13,000 per year in additional revenue to the City of Mesa.

In addition, Staff proposes establishing a \$5.00 "barrel not out fee" for residents who call and order additional barrel pickups and who do not put their barrels out for collection. This charge would be similar to the "not out fee" currently being charged to residents who call and order an appliance or bulk item collection and do not set their debris out for collection. Although this fee would not recover all the costs associated to send a solid waste vehicle out to the resident's house, it would provide some incentive to the resident to set their barrel out. This new fee would bring in a minimal amount of additional revenue to the city (under \$1,000/year).

Alternatives

There are several alternatives to the Solid Waste recommendations, which are available to the Committee. In addition to the staff recommendations at least two other options exist for the proposed adjustments of Solid Waste rates, these are:

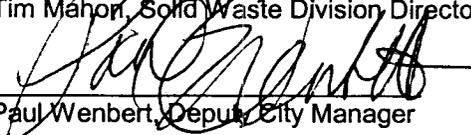
1. Do not proceed with the proposed increases to the rates and make significant budget reductions.
2. Adjust the proposed level of changes to the rate charges other than that outlined with equivalent budget adjustments.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact for the Solid Waste recommended rate increases is estimated to bring in an additional \$1,435,000 for fiscal year 2003-2004.



Tim Mahon, Solid Waste Division Director



Paul Wenbert, Deputy City Manager



Jack Friedline, Development Services Director



Mike Hutchinson, City Manager

Solid Waste Rate History
1999-2004

# of accts*	Rate type	FY 99/00	% Raise	FY 00-01	% Raise	FY 01-02	% Raise	FY 02-03	% Raise	FY 03-04
90621	R1.2 90-gal.	\$ 15.25	3%	\$ 15.75	6%	\$ 16.75	6%	\$ 17.75	5%	\$ 18.64
7039	R1.2 60-gal.	\$ 14.75	0%	\$ 14.75	3%	\$ 15.25	5%	\$ 16.00	4%	\$ 16.64
5439	R1.21	\$ 5.00	20%	\$ 6.00	17%	\$ 7.00	14%	\$ 8.00	10%	\$ 8.80
	R1.22	\$ 20.00	0%	\$ 20.00	0%	\$ 20.00		Deleted		
41	R1.23	\$ 11.00	0%	\$ 11.00	82%	\$ 20.00	0%	\$ 20.00	0%	\$ 20.00
64	R1.24	\$ 11.40	0%	\$ 11.40	9%	\$ 12.40	16%	\$ 14.40	8%	\$ 15.50
322	R1.26	\$ 15.25	0%	\$ 15.25	10%	\$ 16.75	6%	\$ 17.75	5%	\$ 18.64
25433	R1.28	\$ 2.50	20%	\$ 3.00	17%	\$ 3.50	7%	\$ 3.75	17%	\$ 4.40
22	R3.7	\$ 7.30	0%	\$ 7.30	14%	\$ 8.30	17%	\$ 9.75	13%	\$ 11.00
2	R3.73	\$ 12.40	0%	\$ 12.40	8%	\$ 13.40	7%	\$ 14.40 &	8%	\$ 15.50
	R3.75	\$ 5.00	20%	\$ 6.00	17%	\$ 7.00		Deleted		
617	R3.8 90-gal.	\$ 15.25	3%	\$ 15.75	6%	\$ 16.75	6%	\$ 17.75	5%	\$ 18.64
9	R3.8 60-gal.	\$ 14.75	0%	\$ 14.75	3%	\$ 15.25	5%	\$ 16.00	4%	\$ 16.64
277	R3.81	\$ 5.00	20%	\$ 6.00	17%	\$ 7.00	14%	\$ 8.00	10%	\$ 8.80
13	R3.82	\$ 11.00	0%	\$ 11.00	82%	\$ 20.00	0%	\$ 20.00	0%	\$ 20.00
	R3.84	\$ 61.00	0%	\$ 61.00	0%	\$ 61.00		Deleted		
	R3.85	\$ 40.00	0%	\$ 40.00	0%	\$ 40.00		Deleted		
135	SPU	\$ 5.00	0%	\$ 5.00	0%	\$ 5.00	50%	\$ 7.50	7%	\$ 8.00
400	BULK	\$ 7.50	13%	\$ 8.50	18%	\$ 10.00	25%	\$ 12.50	20%	\$ 15.00
195	APPLIANCE	\$ 7.50	0%	\$ 7.50	33%	\$ 10.00	25%	\$ 12.50	20%	\$ 15.00
2001	LANDFILL	\$ 5.00	0%	\$ 5.00	50%	\$ 7.50	13%	\$ 8.50	24%	\$ 10.50

* as of 12/31/02

Definition of rates:

- R1.2 - residential black barrel
- R1.21 - extra black barrel
- R1.23 - twice a week black barrel pickup
- R1.24 - residential per unit fee for 5-11 units
- R1.26 - residential serviced by commercial (bin)
- R1.28 - green barrel
- R3.7 - mobile home unit once per week
- R3.7/R3.73 - mobile home unit twice per week collection
- R3.8 - business black barrel
- R3.81 - extra black barrel for business
- R3.82 - twice per week collection for business
- SPU - special pick up of black barrel
- Appliance - appliance pick up
- R1.2 - residential black barrel
- R1.21 - extra black barrel
- R1.23 - twice a week black barrel pickup
- R1.24 - residential per unit fee for 5-11 units
- R1.26 - residential serviced by commercial (bin)
- R1.28 - green barrel
- R3.7 - mobile home unit once per week
- R3.7/R3.73 - mobile home unit twice per week collection
- R3.8 - business black barrel
- R3.81 - extra black barrel for business
- R3.82 - twice per week collection for business
- SPU - special pick up of black barrel
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Appliance - appliance pick up
BULK - bulk item fee
Landfill - residents cost to take loads to the lai

Breakeven (as of 1/03) would be:
Appliance - \$15.00 + \$7/appliance freon charge
Bulk - \$17.50
Landfill - \$10.00

Valley Cities Refuse Survey – April, 2003 Update

City	60 gal	90 gal	Addtl barrel	2x week	Comments	Miscellaneous information
Mesa Current	\$16.00	\$17.75	\$8.00	\$20.00	None	Includes curbside recycling. Yard waste barrels available at \$3.75 per barrel per month.
Mesa Proposed % increase	\$16.64 4%	\$18.64 5%	\$8.80 10%	\$20.00 0%	No definite decision yet, council must review and approve.	Includes curbside recycling. Yard waste barrels available at \$4.40 per barrel per month.
Chandler Current	\$11.90	\$11.90	\$5.00	\$10.00	None	Includes recycling, yard waste and bulk pick up once every 8 weeks.
Gilbert Current	N/A	\$14.05	\$7.25	Not Available	None	Includes yard waste with bulk once per month.
Glendale Current	N/A	\$13.50	\$5.41	\$10.82 or \$5.41 if recycling	None	Includes yard waste with bulk once per month.
Glendale Proposed % increase	N/A	\$14.25 5.6%	\$5.41 0%	\$10.82 or \$5.41 if recycling	No definite decision has been made yet, increase may not occur.	Includes yard waste with bulk once per month.
Peoria Current	\$12.49	\$12.49	\$9.55	Not Available	None	No curbside recycling. Includes yard waste with bulk once per month.
Phoenix Current	\$20.70	\$20.70	\$10.35	\$20.70	2.5% rate increase effective 1/1/03	Includes curbside recycling, yard waste with bulk 4 times per year.
Scottsdale Current	N/A	\$14.07	\$86.10 to purchase, + \$7.04/mo	Not Available	None	Includes curbside recycling and yard waste with bulk once per month.
Tempe Current	\$13.96	\$13.96	\$5.30	\$5.15	9.5% rate increase effective 1/1/03	Includes curbside recycling and bulk once per month. (Bulk includes yard waste.)