

City Council Introduction: March 3, 2003  
Public Hearing: March 10, 2003

Bill Number 03R-57

## F A C T S H E E T

**TITLE:** Amending City Council Resolution #79667 to reduce the current landfill tipping fee as a result of implement an occupation tax to fund solid waste programs

**SPONSOR:** Public Works and Utilities,  
Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department

**OPPONENTS:** Waste Connections, Inc

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPLICANT:** Allan Abbott, Bruce Dart

### **REASON FOR LEGISLATION:**

Amending City Council Resolution #79667 to reduce the landfill tipping fee for refuse and special wastes charged at the Bluff Road Landfill from \$17.00 per ton to \$10.00 per ton as a result of implementing an occupation tax to fund the City's various integrated solid waste programs. This legislation also lowers the cubic yard fees in the same proportion and changes minimum fees charged at the Bluff Road Landfill. The recommended date of implementation is June 1, 2003.

## D I S C U S S I O N

This is companion legislation to the ordinance amending LMC 8.32 establishing an occupation tax of \$7.00 per ton to be collected from refuse haulers hauling refuse and special wastes. By using the occupation tax to fund integrated solid waste management programs, the landfill tipping fee can be lowered to \$10.00 per ton which provides revenues for funding costs only associated with the continued development and operation of the Bluff Road landfill. The landfill tipping fee would no longer subsidize these programs.

Other fees charged at the Bluff Road Composting Site, the North 48<sup>th</sup> Street Transfer Station and the North 48<sup>th</sup> Street Construction and Demolition Debris landfill would remain unchanged.

The City of Lincoln has received support for this legislation from the Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association representing a majority of Lincoln's refuse haulers.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** Changing the method in which the City of Lincoln's integrated solid waste management programs are funded by establishing an occupation tax of \$7.00 per ton for refuse and special collected within the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County and reducing the tipping fee charged at the Bluff Road Landfill in the same amount, thereby, eliminating the current subsidy for funding programs.

### **BENEFIT COST:**

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:** Steve Owen, Superintendent of Solid Waste Operations

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