



City of San Antonio

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

City Council Work Session on the FY 2024 Proposed Budget

SUMMARY:

Staff presentation on the FY 2024 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City policies and initiatives:

- A. Solid Waste Management
- B. Development Services Department

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The FY 2024 Proposed Budget was presented to City Council on August 10, 2023. The proposed budget reflects both City Council and Community priorities focuses on four key areas: property tax relief, keeping San Antonio safe, enhancing quality of life and improving customer service.

The Proposed FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Budget, comprised of all funds, excluding transfers, totals \$3.7 billion. The General Fund budget is \$1.60 billion; restricted funds such as Airport, Development Services, Solid Waste, and Hotel Occupancy Tax total \$1.33 billion; and the Capital Budget totals \$798 million.

Following the presentation of the proposed budget, a series of City Council budget worksessions are scheduled from August 15 to September 13. At these sessions, City staff will review the budget proposals with the Mayor and City Council in detail. The budget is scheduled to be adopted on September 14 for the City's fiscal year that begins on October 1.

ISSUE:

A budget worksession is rescheduled for Tuesday, August 29 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. At this session, the City Council will be presented with the FY 2024 Proposed Budgets for the Solid Waste Management Department and Development Services Department.

Solid Waste Management

The Solid Waste Department provides reliable curbside waste management services to approximately 370,000 single-family San Antonio households. The Solid Waste Management is an Enterprise Fund that is supported by two monthly fees: the Solid Waste Fee and the Solid Waste Environmental Fee. The services provided to San Antonio residents include:

- Weekly curbside recycling, organics, and garbage collection.
- Two annual curbside brush collections.
- Two annual curbside bulky waste collections.
- Bagged leaf collection.
- Dead animal collection.
- Household hazardous waste disposal.
- A brush grinding center for residential customers.
- Out-of-Cycle curbside collection.
- Four bulky waste drop-off centers for residential customers.
- Downtown litter basket collection.

The table below reflects the budget allocation within the FY 2024 Proposed Budget for the Solid Waste Management Department.

FUND	FY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
Solid Waste Operating and Maintenance Fund	\$148,758,132	685
Fleet Services Fund	28,370,701	118
TOTAL	\$177,128,833	803

The FY 2024 Proposed Budget recommends an increase to the solid waste fee and to the solid waste environmental fee. Since FY 2019, the City has purposefully maintained the Solid Waste and Environmental Fee rates flat for residents and absorbed the increases in expenses by using its

fund balance. However, the cost of service has risen since that time due to increase costs for labor, equipment and disposal fees. In order to maintain this critical service, rate increases are proposed for the FY 2024 Environmental Fee and the medium and large cart Solid Waste Fees. Below is a table of the proposed Solid Waste Fee and Environmental Fee changes for FY 2024.

FY 2024 Monthly Solid Waste and Environmental Fee

Cart Size	FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024	Proposed Monthly Increase
Small Cart	\$14.76	\$14.76	\$0.00
Medium Cart	\$18.76	\$19.76	\$1.00
Large Cart	\$ 26.76	\$30.25	\$3.49
Environmental Fee	\$1.74	\$3.00	\$1.26

A detailed listing of the Solid Waste Management Department's FY 2024 program changes is included in Attachment 1.

Development Services & Code Enforcement

The Development Services Department (DSD) is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and quality of life of the residents of San Antonio through regulation of land and building development and through enforcement of property maintenance and quality of life related codes.

DSD seeks to facilitate an efficient and effective development process that supports economic development. This includes granting authority to develop land and to construct and occupy buildings. These functions are funded by fees paid by developers and the Development Services Fund is an enterprise fund.

In addition to facilitating land and building development, the department manages programs to help ensure minimum quality of life standards on areas such as maintenance of property, dangerous structures, and graffiti abatement. These functions of the Departments related to code enforcement are funded by the General Fund. Below is a summary of the funding and position counts that would be authorized by the FY 2024 Proposed Budget.

FUND	FY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
Development Services Enterprise Fund ¹	\$50,421,714	351
General Fund – Code Enforcement ²	17,381,776	156

FUND	FY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
Capital Projects	1,540,000	0
Total	\$69,343,490	507

Note:

1. The FY 2024 Development Services Fund Proposed Budget is \$51,961,714, of which \$1,540,000 is transferred to the capital budget.
2. The total General Fund-Code Enforcement Proposed Budget is \$17,650,673, of which \$268,897 is transferred to the Development Services Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is a scheduled work session for the FY 2024 Proposed Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This presentation provides briefings on the Solid Waste Management Department and Development Services Department. The FY 2024 Budget is scheduled to be adopted by City Council on September 14, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is a work session for discussion of the FY 2024 Proposed Budget and is for briefing purposes only.