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<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Joseph P. Ciurro, Finance Director	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney
<b>Subject:</b> Review and act on updated Residential Garbage and Recycling Regulations.	

**Details:**  
 The City's current residential refuse and recycling contract is set to expire on March 31, 2025. In conjunction with the transition to a new contract, the City will be purchasing new carts for garbage and recycling for eligible properties. The delivery process is scheduled to begin at the end of February and throughout March so John's Disposal can begin service March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The City has established that the standard size carts for service are 64-gallons for garbage and 96-gallons for recycling. However, the City intends to allow properties to select alternative sizes with options of a small, 48-gallon cart, medium 64-gallon cart, and large 96-gallon cart for garbage or recycling, respectively. The costs of the carts are progressively more expensive the larger the size. Therefore, the large 96-gallon cart is the most expensive for the initial purchase and long-term maintenance.

As such, the City proposes to implement a one-time \$15 fee for the option of a large 96-gallon trash cart as an alternative to the default sizes upon the initial ordering of the carts. Furthermore, the fee would also apply to new homeowners inheriting carts at a household they have recently purchased (within 30 days). The Residential Garbage and Recycling Regulations must be amended to reflect these fees.

The implementation of this fee will include the creation of an online payment portal, creating a convenient mechanism to pay the City.

**Options & Alternatives:**  
 The selection of a 96-gallon large garbage cart could be allowed without a cost to the property owner making the selection. The entire cost of the cart, and long-term maintenance and replacement, would be incurred by the City. This alternative is not recommended.

**Financial Remarks:**

The City will receive revenue from this proposal, with the amount depending on the number of residents that opt for the larger size cart. It's unknown how many might do that. There will be administrative time required to handle the requests for alternative size carts, but it is not anticipated that additional personnel will be required to handle it.

**Executive Recommendation:**

Approval of a \$15 fee for opting a 96-gallon cart in lieu of the standard default size carts and amending the Residential Garbage and Recycling Regulations to reflect that fee.