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City of Waukesha Cover Sheet

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| Committee: Board of Public Works | BPW Meeting Date: 03/05/26 |
| ID Number: ID#26-03076 | Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): N/A |
| Department Submitting: Department of Public Works | Common Council Meeting Date: 03/17/26 |
| Agenda Item Title: Review and possible action on the 2026 Drop-Off Center fee adjustment. | |

Issue Before the Council:

The City Drop-Off Center is a resource for residents of the City of Waukesha to dispose of yard materials, bulky solid waste, and other materials.

Through a competitive RFP, the City signed a new contract with GFL Environmental that began on April 1st, 2025. The cost of dumpster services in the new contract increased 12% compared to the previous contract. The costs of disposal services and dumpster swaps will continue to increase throughout the length of the contract which ends in 2030.

The usage of the Drop Off Center has increased slightly this year (increase approximately 300 tons over the average of 1500 tons/year) in response to the new curbside garbage and recycling collection contract with John's Disposal as bulky item disposal was included in the contract as an additional fee for the user.

With the increase in disposal costs and the goal of moving toward being revenue neutral in the City's Financial Management Plan (FMP) it is proposed to make adjustments to the current Drop-Off Center fees and structure beginning April 1st, 2026.

Options & Alternatives:

The City could either make incremental changes as proposed to achieve the revenue neutral goal in the next three years or prices can be shifted to reflect revenue neutral in this change.

Much like the Garbage and Recycling Special Charge, reducing operating costs is necessary to improve the financial outlook which is currently showing deficits in the future. Becoming revenue neutral, will reduce the usage of taxpayer funds to pay for disposal of other's items which would be consistent with the overall City approach to bulky items and covering expenses.

Additional Details:

The 2026 Drop-Off Center price adjustment summary table is attached.

What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

Fiscal Sustainability

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

Aligns with Objective 4 “Review all current revenue sources and identify possible new non-levy revenues to pursue”, performance measure 4. “Increase Drop-Off Center revenue by 15% to get closer to budget neutral by December 2029”.

Financial Remarks:

The City has charged fees at the center since July of 2006. The fees have adjusted incrementally since that time. The most recent increase in prices occurred January 1st, 2025.

The City has historically operated in a deficit at the Drop-Off Center. The City has a goal to make the Drop-Off Center cost neutral. The deficit in 2025 was approximately -\$80,000.

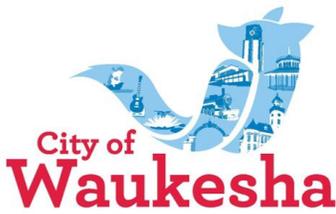
The 2026 adjustment is projected to increase revenue by 23%. Even with these adjustments, the Drop-Off Center will still operate at a deficit. The anticipated new deficit will still be approximately -\$57,000. Future price adjustments will be necessary to bring the center to be cost-neutral by the end of 2028.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve the 2026 Drop-Off Center fee adjustment.

Reviewed By:

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| <p>City Attorney </p> | <p>Date Reviewed 26 Feb 2026</p> |
| <p>Finance Director Joseph P. Ciarro</p> | <p>Date Reviewed</p> |
| <p>City Administrator Anthony W. Brown </p> | <p>Date Reviewed 02/25/2026</p> |



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2026 Drop-Off Center Price Adjustments Summary and Table

- 1) Increasing prices for trash disposal of all types of vehicles.
- 2) Adding a higher tier for largest U-Haul trucks.
- 3) Increasing prices for overheavy bulky items and standardization.

| Material | Frequency | Vehicle Type | Current | 2026 Proposed |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Yard Material | Single Visit | Vehicle Load | \$3/load | No Change |
| Yard Material | Single Visit | Trailer Load | \$4/load | No Change |
| Yard Material | Single Visit | UHaul/Large/Double Loads | \$5/load | No Change |
| Yard Material | Day Pass | Vehicle Loads | \$11/day | No Change |
| Yard Material | Day Pass | Trailer Loads | \$15/day | No Change |
| Yard Material | Season Pass | Any | \$30/season | No Change |
| Yard Material | Senior Discount Age | | 62 years old | No Change |
| Landfill Trash | Single Visit | Car/Sedan | \$8/load | \$10/load |
| Landfill Trash | Single Visit | SUV/Van/Hatchback | \$12/load | \$15/load |
| Landfill Trash | Single Visit | Truck | \$16/load | \$20/load |
| Landfill Trash | Single Visit | Trailers | \$21/load | \$25/load |
| Landfill Trash | Single Visit | U-Haul/Truck + Trailer | \$28/load | \$40/load |
| Landfill Trash | Single Visit | Largest U-Haul | \$35/load | \$75/load |
| Latex Paint | Per Can (Size) | Any | \$3/Gallon container \$1/Quart container \$7/Five-gallon bucket | No Change |
| Oil/Antifreeze/Filters Disposal | Single Visit | Non-City Residents | \$5/visit | No Change |
| Overheavy Bulky Trash Items | Single Visit | Any | Variable Per Items (<i>List to be Updated as Needed</i>) Boat - \$90/item Hot Tub - \$80/item Piano - \$75/item Trailer - \$65/item Jet Ski - \$65/item Other-\$65/item min. | \$100 per item |