



**AGENDA
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the Council regarding any item of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda. If a citizen would like to speak or comment regarding an item that is on tonight's agenda, we ask that you wait until the agenda item is presented to the Council by the Mayor and the public is asked to comment by the Mayor. Once again, each speaker is limited to three minutes.*

Be advised, if a discussion item has an upcoming public hearing, we would request members of the public to reserve your comments until the public hearing. At the public hearing, the City Council will establish an official record that will include all of your comments, testimony and written evidence. The City Council will base its decision on the record created during the public hearing. Any comments provided tonight will not be included in the record or considered by the City Council.

General Items

1. Motion to allow Council Member Sparks to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days. (LMC 2.12.060)
2. Appointment of Gabriel Seibert to the Laurel Police Department.

Executive Review

3. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Addition Of City Of Laurel Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amber Hatton To All City Accounts.
4. Ordinance No. O22-04: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.20.010 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The City Court Clerk For The City Of Laurel
5. Ordinance O22-05: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.01 (Code Adoption) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The General Provisions

Council Issues

6. City Vision Discussion
7. Possible New Committees Discussion (Revenue Advisory Board and Parking Advisory Board)
8. City's Official Statement Regarding Parking within the City of Laurel.
9. Press Release Regarding Extra-Territorial Zoning Issues.
10. Garbage Rates Discussion

Other Items

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

Announcements

The City makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this meeting. Persons needing accommodation must notify the City Clerk's Office to make needed arrangements. To make your request known, please call 406-628-7431, Ext. 2, or write to City Clerk, PO Box 10, Laurel, MT 59044, or present your request at City Hall, 115 West First Street, Laurel, Montana.

DATES TO REMEMBER

File Attachments for Item:

3. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Addition Of City Of Laurel Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amber Hatton To All City Accounts.

RESOLUTION NO. R22-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF
CITY OF LAUREL DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER AMBER HATTON TO ALL
CITY ACCOUNTS.**

WHEREAS, City of Laurel employee Amber Hatton has assumed the role of City of Laurel Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the personnel change within the Clerk/Treasurer's Department necessitates that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amber Hatton be added to all City accounts, effective upon passage of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana that the Mayor is hereby authorized to add Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amber Hatton to all City accounts.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2022 by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF LAUREL

Dave Waggoner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michele L. Braukmann, Civil City Attorney

File Attachments for Item:

4. Ordinance No. O22-04: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.20.010 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The City Court Clerk For The City Of Laurel

ORDINANCE NO. 022-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.20.010 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CITY COURT CLERK FOR THE CITY OF LAUREL

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to keep the Laurel Municipal Code current by modifying and updating chapters, sections and subsections to address situations and problems within the City and to remain in accordance with Montana law; and

WHEREAS, City Staff prepared, reviewed, and approved the following amendments to the existing LMC § 2.20.010 (City Court Clerk – Office Created) as noted herein and hereby recommends the same to the City Council for their full approval.

2.20.010 Office Created—Duties and Rrequirements.

A. There is created the position office of city Clerk of Court. The Clerk of Court shall be appointed by the city judge, hired, supervised, and managed by the City, subject to all terms and conditions of the City Court Clerk employment position.

B. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of Court to perform all duties as required by law and the Rules of the City Court.

C. Before entering upon the duties of office, the Clerk of Court shall take the oath prescribed by Art. III, Section 3 of the Montana Constitution. law for all city officers.

~~D. — The clerk of court's term of office shall be the same as is provided by law and ordinance for the city judge, and until a successor is appointed.~~

D. The City shall set the salary of the Clerk of Court.

E. The Clerk of Court may certify any records or documents of the City Court, and may act for the city court as permitted by law or rules of the city court.

F. The Clerk of Court will establish, maintain, retain, and administer all Court records by means of paper or electronic filing and storage or both. The Clerk of Court will assist the City Court Judge in the recording and signing of court proceedings as well as general operations of the Court.

~~F. — The salary of the clerk of court shall be set by resolution of the city council.~~

~~G. — The clerk of court is a part time position with a thirty-hour work week.~~

(Ord. 890, 1986: Ord. 825 §§ 1—7, 1985: prior code § 2.16.130)

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after final passage by the City Council and approved by the Mayor.

Introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 13th day of September 2022, upon Motion by Council Member _____.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Laurel City Council on second reading on the _____ day of _____, 2022, upon Motion by Council Member _____.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF LAUREL

Dave Waggoner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michele L. Braukmann, Civil City Attorney

File Attachments for Item:

5. Ordinance O22-05: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.01 (Code Adoption) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The General Provisions

ORDINANCE NO. 022-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.01 (CODE ADOPTION) OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to keep the Laurel Municipal Code current by modifying and updating chapters, sections and subsections to address situations and problems within the City and to remain in accordance with Montana law; and

WHEREAS, City Staff prepared, reviewed, and approved the following amendments to the existing Chapter 1.01 of the Laurel Municipal Code (Code Adoption) as noted herein and hereby recommends the same to the City Council for their full approval.

1.01.010 Adoption.

There is hereby adopted the Laurel Municipal Code, ~~as published by Book Publishing Company, Seattle, Washington.~~

(Ord. 984 § 1, 1991)

1.01.020 Title—Citation—Reference Code Designated and Cited.

~~This Code shall be known as the "Laurel Municipal Code" and it shall be sufficient to refer to this Code as "the LMC," in any prosecution for the violation of any provision thereof or any proceeding at law or equity. It shall also be sufficient to designate any Ordinance adding to, amending, correcting, or repealing all or any part or portion thereof as an addition to, amendment to, correction of, or repeal of the "Laurel Municipal Code." Further reference may be had to the chapters, articles, divisions, sections and subsections of the "Laurel Municipal Code" and such reference shall apply to that numbered chapter, article, division, section or subsection as it appears in this Code.~~

~~may be referred to as the Laurel Municipal Code in any prosecution for the violation of any provision thereof of any proceeding at law or equity. Prosecutions for violations of Laurel, Montana's ordinances and actions based thereon shall refer to the Laurel Municipal Code sections as well as the underlying ordinance upon which the prosecution or action is based. Amendments to any ordinance or portions thereof of Laurel, Montana, shall also refer to the Laurel Municipal Code sections under which such ordinances are codified.~~

(Ord. 984 § 2, 1991)

1.01.030 Provisions ~~C~~odified.

This code consists of all the ~~regulatory and penal ordinances and certain of the administrative ordinances or~~ Ordinances of the City of Laurel, Montana.

(Ord. 984 § 3, 1991)

1.01.040 Ordinances ~~P~~assed ~~P~~prior to ~~A~~adoption of the ~~C~~eode.

The last ~~O~~rdinance included in this ~~C~~eode was Ordinance 979, passed August 7, 1990. The following ~~O~~rdinances, passed subsequent to Ordinance 979, but prior to adoption of this ~~C~~eode, are adopted and made a part of this ~~C~~eode: Ordinances 980, 981, 982 and 983, as amended.

(Ord. 984 § 4, 1991)

1.01.050 References ~~to Code, applies to all amendments.~~

Whenever a reference is made to this Code as the “Laurel Municipal Code” or any portions thereof, or to any Ordinance of the ~~C~~eity of Laurel, Montana, the reference shall apply to all amendments, corrections and additions heretofore, now or hereafter made.

(Ord. 984 § 5, 1991)

1.01.060 ~~Title, chapter and section headings~~Headings.

~~Chapter, article, division, and section headings contained herein shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any chapter, article, division, or section hereof. Title, chapter and section headings contained herein shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any title, chapter or section hereof.~~

(Ord. 984 § 6, 1991)

1.01.070 Reference to ~~S~~pecific ~~O~~rdinances.

The provisions of this Code shall not in any manner affect matters of record which refer to, or are otherwise connected with, Ordinances which are therein specifically designated by number or otherwise, and which are included within the Code, but such reference shall be construed to apply to the corresponding provisions contained within this Code.

(Ord. 984 § 7, 1991)

1.01.080 Effect of Code ~~on past actions and obligations.~~

~~Neither the adoption of this code nor the repeal of amendments of any ordinance or part or portion of any ordinance of the city shall in any manner affect the prosecution for violations of ordinances, which violations were committed prior to the effective date hereof, nor be construed as a waiver of any license, fee or penalty at said effective date due and unpaid under such ordinances, nor be construed as affecting any of the provisions of such ordinances relating to the collection of any such license, fee or penalty, or the penal provisions applicable to any violation thereof, nor to affect the validity of any bond or cash deposit in lieu thereof required to be posted, filed or deposited pursuant to any ordinance and all rights and obligations thereunder appertaining shall continue in full force and effect.~~

A. The provisions of this Code shall not in any manner affect deposits or otherwise any other matters of record which refer to, or otherwise be connected with Ordinances which are therein specifically designated by number or otherwise and which are included within this Code, but such reference shall be construed to apply to the corresponding provisions contained within this Code.

B. Neither the adoption of this Code nor the repeal or amendment hereby of any ordinance or part or portion of any Ordinance of the City shall in any manner affect the prosecution for violations of Ordinances, which violations were committed prior to the effective date hereof, nor be construed as a waiver of any license fee, or penalty at the effective date due and unpaid under such Ordinances, nor be construed as affecting any of the provisions of such Ordinances relating to the collection of any such license, fee or penalty, or the penal provisions applicable to any violation thereof, nor to affect the validity of any bond or cash deposit

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in lieu thereof required to be posted, filed or deposited pursuant to any Ordinance, and all rights and obligations thereunder appertaining shall continue in full force and effect.

(Ord. 984 § 8, 1991)

1.01.090 Effective Date.

This codeCode shall become effective on the date the Ordinance adopting this codeCode as the "Laurel Municipal Code" shall become effective.

(Ord. 984 § 9, 1991)

1.01.100 Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, portion, or part of this Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Code. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, parts, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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1.01.110 Continuation of Provisions.

The provisions appearing in this Code, so far as they are the same as those of Ordinances existing at the effective date of this Code, shall be considered as continuation thereof and not as new enactments.

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PASSED and ADOPTED by the Laurel City Council on second reading on the ____ day of _____, 2022, upon Motion by Council Member _____.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on the ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF LAUREL

Dave Waggoner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michele L. Braukmann, Civil City Attorney

Ordinance No. 022-05 Chapter 1.01 of LMC (Code Adoption)

File Attachments for Item:

6. City Vision Discussion

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DEPARTMENT

CITY OF LAUREL PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT

Date: September 2022

Re: For Discussion Item by City Council Members/Mayor

Various City of Laurel City Council Members expressed interest in possibly agreeing on a “Vision Statement” for the City of Laurel, to be approved by Mayor Dave Waggoner and the City of Laurel City Council.

City Staff has prepared the following proposed “Vision Statement” for the Mayor and Council’s consideration.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL VALUES, VISION, MISSION, GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA

CORE VALUES

These are the Core Values of the City of Laurel, Montana.

LEADERSHIP:

We strive to uphold the highest work ethic, treat everyone fairly, empower people to do their best, promote continuous improvement, foster teamwork, and communicate openly and respectfully, so that, as a City, we are able to achieve trust and accountability throughout our community.

INCLUSIVENESS:

We cultivate an environment of trust and respect for all residents and visitors alike. We strive to ensure that our actions are inclusive and reflective of the community we strive to be, while maintaining our “small town roots” and keeping our historical values in focus.

INTEGRITY:

We safeguard public trust through honest business practices and open communication. Our credibility with the public depends on our strong ethical stewardship of all resources.

COLLABORATION:

We promote transparent engagement with citizens and stakeholders and expect our City personnel and consultants to understand the needs and values of our community.

STEWARDSHIP:

We protect our unique natural environment and the habitat it provides. We facilitate a culture of sustainable practices. We maintain and preserve our municipal assets.

VISION STATEMENT

The City of Laurel will thoughtfully grow as an Eastern Montana community that protects residential character, historic resources, promotes multi-beneficial development, ensures respect for the environment, and maintains a friendly and “home-town” feel.

MISSION STATEMENT

Deliver quality professional public services to all residents in the City of Laurel community and the region, while ensuring high value and quality results.

GOALS AND CORRESPONDING STRATEGIES

1. City Asset Stewardship: *Repair, maintain and improve City assets, including streets, sidewalks, sewer systems, buildings, parks and public spaces to better serve the community, anticipate future needs and prevent further degradation.*

- a. Work with community partners for possible development of a City Splash Park for use by City residents and families.
- b. Upkeep of City signage.
- c. Invest in City recreation and outdoor assets, to the extent fiscally responsible.

2. Transparency, Accountability and Communication: *Implement programs, processes, revisions and training to improve and advance the City's efforts.*

- a. Establish various Advisory Boards/Committees that encourage citizen involvement.
- b. Bolster social media platform presence and utilize City online resources to roll out proposed programs and resolution/ordinance changes.
- c. Design, develop and deploy a community engagement portal.

3. Financial Stability: *Develop a strategic plan to better address current and future City expenditure and revenue needs, while continuing to provide high quality municipal service.*

- a. Conduct Impact Fee Assessments to determine feasibility of implementing new fees associated with development and update existing fees.
- b. Identify additional/missing City revenue opportunities/sources outside of property tax streams.
- c. Strengthen policies and procedures for financial reporting and budgeting of capital improvements.
- d. Review all local projects for efficiency, optimization, and fiscal sustainability purposes.
- e. Identify new grant and other public funding sources for City projects/needs.

4. Growth and Improvement of Public Safety/Emergency Response Services: *Assess continued needs for City residents in being provided the best public safety and emergency response services.*

- a. Assess gaps in quality of public safety/emergency response services and determine how to best provide services for City residents and community members.
- b. Identify grant funding opportunities for public safety and emergency response services.
- c. Improve equipment and services addressing public safety needs.
- d. Evaluate possible partnerships with Yellowstone County to best serve City residents in relationship to public safety emergency response services.

5. Complete/Maintained Streets: *Plan, design and implement streets, sidewalks, parking, and transportation methods that allow the best possible access for all types of users.*

- a. Continue to maintain and improve the existing street and sidewalk infrastructure within the City of Laurel.
- b. Engage the public in conducting parking studies, recommendations, and funding sources for additional parking within the City of Laurel.

6. Environmental Stewardship: *Adopt and develop policies and ordinances that preserve and protect the environment.*

- a. Identify potential projects that foster environmental stewardship, reduce the City's carbon footprint and allow eligibility for developing grant funding.
- b. Design and implement outreach programs to encourage tree planting and additional environmental aesthetic growth.
- c. Implement public infrastructure projects that enhance conservation of the environment and sustainable practices.

File Attachments for Item:

8. City's Official Statement Regarding Parking within the City of Laurel.

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DEPARTMENT

CITY OF LAUREL STATEMENT

Regarding Parking Obligations of the City of Laurel/Issues Raised by Constituents

16 September 2022

The City of Laurel (hereinafter “the City” or “Laurel”) has been posed with various constituent concerns and complaints regarding parking the City of Laurel. These issues have been, at different times, raised by way of Public Comment at City of Laurel City Council Meetings. In addition, certain members of the community have reached out directly to City Staff Members to ask that the City address various parking issues, as well as implement further expansion plans to “open up” more parking in the City, and most specifically, in the downtown area of Laurel.

The City acknowledges and understands that many Laurel residents would like to see better parking options available to both residential members of the community, as well as business members. As has been discussed at prior City Council Meetings, these issues have been ongoing in the City of Laurel for many years. Simply put, the City’s historical infrastructure, design, and implementation of streets/roadways, as well as parking spaces, did not necessarily adequately prepare for the existing needs of residents, as well as visitors to the City.

The City is committed to continuing to evaluate all options available to it, that are fiscally-sound and viable, within the City’s limited budget and resources. In that light, the City is evaluating setting up a Parking Advisory Board, whereby citizen members can help to define issues, create solutions, find funding options for more and expanded parking, and propose various solutions to the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff. If you are interested in potentially serving on a City Parking Advisory Board, please contact Kurt Markegaard, the City of Laurel Public Work’s Director, and indicate your interest in the same. Mr. Markegaard’s email address is: kmarkegard@laurel.mt.gov.

In the meantime, it is important to recognize what the City’s obligations *are*, as it relates to parking, as well as what they *are not*.

Montana law does *not* require that a municipality provide parking for City residents. Montana law provides that a municipality *may* provide parking, although the extent and scope of that is not defined by law. *See e.g.:*

7-14-4501. Acquisition, construction, and maintenance of parking areas. A city or town council *may*:

- (1) acquire by lease, gift, purchase, or condemnation pursuant to Title 70, chapter 30, lots or lands for use as parking areas for motor vehicles;
- (2) construct and maintain on the acquired land or on any premises owned or under lease by the city or town suitable parking facilities for the use of the public and for general traffic control; and
- (3) charge for the use of parking facilities.

The provision of parking, by a Montana municipality, is elective, not prescriptive. In addition, there are limitations on how much and to what extent a Montana municipality can install, maintain, and enforce parking meters. *See e.g.* Mont. Code Ann. § 7-14-4512. As a general matter, these are issues that have to be approved by the citizens of the community, before any Ordinances can be passed related to “pay for parking” options. While the City recognizes that what is elective legal authority is not the only consideration at issue, the City asks its constituents to understand what a City’s legal obligations *are*, versus what they *are not*.

Limited parking options are a “real and present issue” for many Cities, including most of the Cities in the State of Montana. Most Montana Cities were not originally designed to accommodate the number of drivers and vehicles that residents and visitors utilize, in our present “day and age.” Therefore, many Montana cities have limited parking options, especially in the more historic and downtown areas of the Cities. Laurel is no exception to that. These are issues that have faced all but the most-sprawling municipalities in this State.

The City will continue to evaluate options available to best serve Laurel constituents. These options may include metered parking, permitted parking lots, and eventually, even a parking facility/garage. In the meantime, the more that Laurel residents can be active in proposing solutions – both as to ideas of ways to address traffic flow and parking issues – as well as propose funding options for these expansion opportunities, the better able that we will all be able to “work in partnership together.” Any growth and development in the City of Laurel, especially the downtown and historic areas, will require a balancing of not just needs and demands, but also of costs involved, space available, and impact upon both residential community members and businesses.

As informed constituents likely realized the course of the past several weeks, as the City worked hard to create a balanced budget, Montana law simply does not create great revenue streams for municipalities in this State. City demands are largely served only by way of limited property

taxes. And those property taxes, for a City the size of Laurel, do not cover excess expenditures. Budget limitations within the City have required being very careful about use of funds, and where monies are spent. When the City is forced to evaluate funding related to public services such as emergency response, the Laurel Police Department, Fire, and other necessary and important resources – the City, very unfortunately, does not have significant funds left-over for improvements related to services such as parking. That is where constituent involvement is very important – as active citizens in this community, proposing solutions, grant fund options, partnerships with private enterprises, and other resources for revenue-streams – can make an enormous difference in what funds might be available to better expand these services.

The City also invites and encourages interested Laurel community members to speak directly with your State Representatives about exploring different funding options for municipalities in this State, including the City of Laurel, which will make more revenue resources available to our community.

File Attachments for Item:

9. Press Release Regarding Extra-Territorial Zoning Issues.

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DEPARTMENT

CITY OF LAUREL PRESS RELEASE

Regarding Extra-Territorial Zoning Issues

16 September 2022

The City of Laurel (hereinafter “the City” or “Laurel”) hereby issues this Press Release regarding issues involving extra-territorial zoning outside City limits.

The City understands and appreciates that varying and divergent views have been expressed throughout the course of this year, related to whether and to what extent the City can zone properties that are outside City boundaries. The City also appreciates that there are varying “stakeholders” and opinions in relationship to these issues, as well as both support and concerns raised by various individuals.

The City has prepared and issued a Legal Opinion regarding these matters. While this Press Release certainly does not encompass all of the issues raised in that Legal Opinion, it attempts to “simplify” the City’s obligations in relationship to extra-territorial zoning issues.

1. At the present time, no Zone Change Application by any County resident is in front of City Council for consideration. The City of Laurel City Council has no authority to act on any extra-territorial zoning issue, at this time.
2. The City itself does not have legal authority to exercise extra-territorial zoning control over County properties, as the County has not ceded this authority to the City of Laurel, by way of an Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City. While the City respects and recognizes that these complicated legal issues can be difficult for many City residents to understand, simply put, the only way that a municipality can legally zone properties outside of its City boundaries is if the surrounding County has ceded those legal duties to the municipality. There is long-standing law on this issue in

Montana, which has been upheld on appeal to the Montana Supreme Court, and the City of Laurel is bound and required to follow that law. Unless and until Yellowstone County formalizes a clear and present intent to have the City of Laurel zone extra-territorial County properties, the City would be acting improperly to do so.

3. Therefore, at the present time, the City cannot take any legal action to consider, evaluate, enforce, or otherwise assess zoning issues for County residents and properties.

If any City of Laurel residents have any questions regarding this issue, they may contact the City of Laurel Civil Attorney and request a copy of the City's Legal Opinion at the following email address: civilattorney@laurel.mt.gov.

File Attachments for Item:

10. Garbage Rates Discussion

RESOLUTION NO. R22-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUREL CITY COUNCIL OF INTENT TO INCREASE THE CITY OF LAUREL'S SOLID WASTE RATES AND SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, a need is anticipated for repair, improvement, and continued operation and maintenance of existing and proposed solid waste facilities, equipment, and services for the providing of collection and disposal of solid waste for the inhabitants of the City of Laurel, Montana and its environs (hereinafter “the City”);

WHEREAS, it is essential to the public health, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Laurel and its environs to provide an adequate and safe solid waste collection service and to provide adequate funding to meet the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating the same;

WHEREAS, the current solid waste collection and disposal rates and charges in effect at the present time within the City of Laurel are not adequate to provide revenues with which to defray the increased costs of operation, maintenance, and capital of the City's solid waste facilities, equipment, and services;

WHEREAS, the provision of the solid waste facilities, equipment, and services is essential to the preservation of the public's health and welfare;

WHEREAS, that the new rates must, before taking effect, be approved by the City Council after advertising and conducting a public hearing pursuant to the City's Charter and Mont. Code Ann. § 69-7-111;

WHEREAS, current budgetary requirements with respect to the operation of said facilities, equipment, and services, in addition to ongoing and future projects, require the proposed rate increase to enable the City to proceed as expeditiously as possible to accomplish the objectives herein above recited; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Charter and Montana law, the City Council has determined that a public hearing must be advertised and held to gather public testimony and input regarding the proposed increases in solid waste rates and charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA:

1. That the City Council considers it both advisable and necessary to increase the municipal solid waste rates and charges for all users and proposes to increase the rates and charges as specifically contained on the rate and charge schedule marked

“Exhibit A” that is attached hereto and hereby incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

2. That a public hearing shall be held on the _____ day of _____, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, at City Hall, Laurel, Montana, for the purpose of gathering and receiving testimony, input, and comments from all interested or affected users, citizens, persons, associations, corporations and/or companies.
3. Notice of the Hearing shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Yellowstone County News, a newspaper that conforms to the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-1-4127, and the first such publication shall not be more than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the hearing and the last publication shall be not less than three (3) days prior to the hearing, in a form substantially similar to the Notice of Public Hearing marked and attached hereto as “Exhibit B.”
4. Additionally, the Notice of the Hearing shall be mailed at least seven (7) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing to all persons who are served by the City's utility. The notice shall contain an estimate of the amount the customer's average monthly bill will increase.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2022 by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF LAUREL

Dave Waggoner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michele L. Braukmann, Civil City Attorney

Residential Rate Increase over 5 Years

Total Residential Clients = 2949

Fiscal Year	Current Cost	Increase	Increased			Revenue		
			Total	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
13-14	\$ 11.80	1	\$ 11.80	7.8%	\$ 11.80	\$ 141.60	\$ 12.00	\$ 35,388.00
14-15	\$ 12.80	0.25	\$ 12.80	1.9%	\$ 12.80	\$ 153.60	\$ 6.00	\$ 17,694.00
15-16	\$ 13.05	0.25	\$ 13.30	1.9%	\$ 13.30	\$ 159.60	\$ 3.00	\$ 8,847.00
16-17	\$ 13.30	0.25	\$ 13.55	1.8%	\$ 13.55	\$ 162.60	\$ 3.00	\$ 8,847.00
17-18	\$ 13.55	0.25	\$ 13.80	1.4%	\$ 13.80	\$ 168.00	\$ 2.40	\$ 7,077.60
18-19	\$ 13.80	0.2	\$ 14.00		\$ 14.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 2.40	\$ 7,077.60
							\$ 26.40	\$ 77,853.60

Residential Customers
Total Increase over 5 Years

Commercial Rate Increase over 5 years.

Total Users 71, same as residential customers

Fiscal Year	Current Cost	Increase	Increased			Revenue		
			Total	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
13-14	\$ 11.80	1	\$ 11.80	7.8%	\$ 11.80	\$ 141.60	\$ 12.00	\$ 852.00
14-15	\$ 12.80	0.25	\$ 12.80	1.9%	\$ 12.80	\$ 153.60	\$ 6.00	\$ 426.00
15-16	\$ 13.05	0.25	\$ 13.30	1.9%	\$ 13.30	\$ 159.60	\$ 3.00	\$ 213.00
16-17	\$ 13.30	0.25	\$ 13.55	1.8%	\$ 13.55	\$ 162.60	\$ 3.00	\$ 213.00
17-18	\$ 13.55	0.25	\$ 13.80	1.4%	\$ 13.80	\$ 168.00	\$ 2.40	\$ 170.40
18-19	\$ 13.80	0.2	\$ 14.00		\$ 14.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 2.40	\$ 170.40
								\$ 1,874.40

Commercial 1 - 90 Gallon can picked up once per week.
Total Increase over 5 Years

Commercial Rate Increase over 5 years.

Total Users - 66, 300 gallons picked up 6 days per week.

Fiscal Year	Current Cost	Increase	Increased			Revenue		
			Total	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
13-14	0.0272	.0024 Cents/Gal	\$ 212.16	7.8%	\$ 212.16	\$ 2,545.92	\$ 224.64	\$ 14,826.24
14-15	0.0296	.0006 Cents/Gal	\$ 230.88	1.9%	\$ 230.88	\$ 2,770.56	\$ 56.16	\$ 3,706.56
15-16	0.0302	.0006 Cents/Gal	\$ 235.56	1.9%	\$ 235.56	\$ 2,826.72	\$ 56.16	\$ 3,706.56
16-17	0.0308	.0006 Cents/Gal	\$ 240.24	1.8%	\$ 240.24	\$ 2,882.88	\$ 56.16	\$ 3,706.56
17-18	0.0314	.0006 Cents/Gal	\$ 244.92	1.4%	\$ 244.92	\$ 2,939.04	\$ 56.16	\$ 3,706.56
18-19	0.0320	.0006 Cents/Gal	\$ 249.60		\$ 249.60	\$ 2,995.20	\$ 56.16	\$ 3,706.56
								\$ 29,652.48

Commercial 2 - 300 Gallon Can picked up 6 times per week.
Total Increase over 5 Years

Commercial Rate Increase over 5 years.

Total Users -19, 200 gallons picked up 6 days per week.

Fiscal Year	Current Cost	Increase	Increased			Revenue		
			Total	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
13-14	0.0272	.0024 Cents/Gal	\$ 141.44	7.8%	\$ 141.44	\$ 1,697.28	\$ 149.76	\$ 2,845.44
14-15	0.0296	.0006 Cents/Gal	\$ 153.92		\$ 153.92	\$ 1,847.04	\$ 149.76	\$ 2,845.44

Fiscal Year	Current Cost Per Gallon	Increase	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
15-16	0.0302	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.9%	\$ 157.04	\$ 1,884.48	\$ 37.44	\$ 711.36
16-17	0.0308	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.9%	\$ 160.16	\$ 1,921.92	\$ 37.44	\$ 711.36
17-18	0.0314	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.8%	\$ 163.28	\$ 1,959.36	\$ 37.44	\$ 711.36
18-19	0.0320	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.4%	\$ 166.40	\$ 1,996.80	\$ 37.44	\$ 711.36
							\$ 5,690.88

Commercial 3 - 200 Gallon Can picked up 6 times per week.
Total increase over 5 Years

Commercial Rate Increase over 5 years. Total Users -62, 100 gallons picked up 6 days per week.

Fiscal Year	Current Cost Per Gallon	Increase	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
13-14	0.0272	.0024 Cents/Gal	7.8%	\$ 70.72	\$ 848.64	\$ 74.88	\$ 4,642.56
14-15	0.0296	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.9%	\$ 76.96	\$ 923.52	\$ 18.72	\$ 1,160.64
15-16	0.0302	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.9%	\$ 78.52	\$ 942.24	\$ 18.72	\$ 1,160.64
16-17	0.0308	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.8%	\$ 80.08	\$ 960.96	\$ 18.72	\$ 1,160.64
17-18	0.0314	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.8%	\$ 81.64	\$ 979.68	\$ 18.72	\$ 1,160.64
18-19	0.0320	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.4%	\$ 83.20	\$ 998.40	\$ 18.72	\$ 1,160.64
							\$ 9,285.12

Commercial 4 - 100 Gallon Can picked up 6 times per week.
Total increase over 5 Years

Commercial Rate Increase over 5 years. Total Users -12, 300 gallons picked up once a week.

Fiscal Year	Current Cost Per Gallon	Increase	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
13-14	0.0272	.0024 Cents/Gal	7.8%	\$ 35.41	\$ 424.97	\$ 37.50	\$ 449.97
14-15	0.0296	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.9%	\$ 38.54	\$ 462.47	\$ 9.37	\$ 112.49
15-16	0.0302	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.9%	\$ 39.32	\$ 471.84	\$ 9.37	\$ 112.49
16-17	0.0308	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.8%	\$ 40.10	\$ 481.22	\$ 9.37	\$ 112.49
17-18	0.0314	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.8%	\$ 40.88	\$ 490.59	\$ 9.37	\$ 112.49
18-19	0.0320	.0006 Cents/Gal	1.4%	\$ 41.66	\$ 499.97	\$ 9.37	\$ 112.49
							\$ 899.94

Commercial 5 - 300 Gallon Can picked up once a week.
Total increase over 5 Years

Year 1 Increase	\$ 59,004.21
Year 2 Increase	\$ 23,811.05
Year 3 Increase	\$ 14,751.05
Year 4 Increase	\$ 14,751.05
Year 5 Increase	\$ 12,939.05

\$ 125,256.42 Total Increase over the next 5 years.

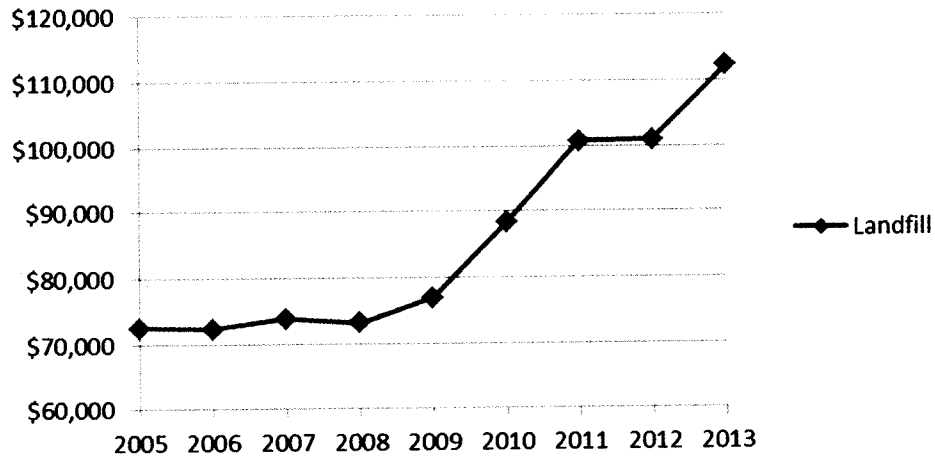
Fiscal Year	Dumping Fees	Tons Dumped	Cost per Ton	Wages per		Fuel per	
				Year	Year	Year	Year
05-06	\$ 85,525.45	7437	\$ 11.50	\$ 257,374.00	\$ 28,670.00		
06-07	\$ 72,639.05	6316	\$ 11.50	\$ 244,871.00	\$ 33,052.00		
07-08	\$ 73,837.25	6421	\$ 11.50	\$ 260,835.00	\$ 44,477.00		
08-09	\$ 71,752.40	6239	\$ 11.50	\$ 232,213.00	\$ 34,596.00		
09-10	\$ 83,204.55	6051	\$ 13.75	\$ 288,610.00	\$ 33,141.00		
10-11	\$ 93,528.40	6802	\$ 13.75	\$ 343,052.00	\$ 47,161.00		
11-12	\$ 104,212.30	5790	\$ 18.00	\$ 395,921.00	\$ 56,309.00		
12-13	\$ 99,819.20	5546	\$ 18.00	\$ 386,262.00	\$ 50,434.00		
13-14	\$ 105,413.00	6268	\$ 18.50	\$ 386,510.00	\$ 61,941.00		
	123%	84%	161%	150%	216%		
		Decrease					

Percentage Increase over the Last 9 Years

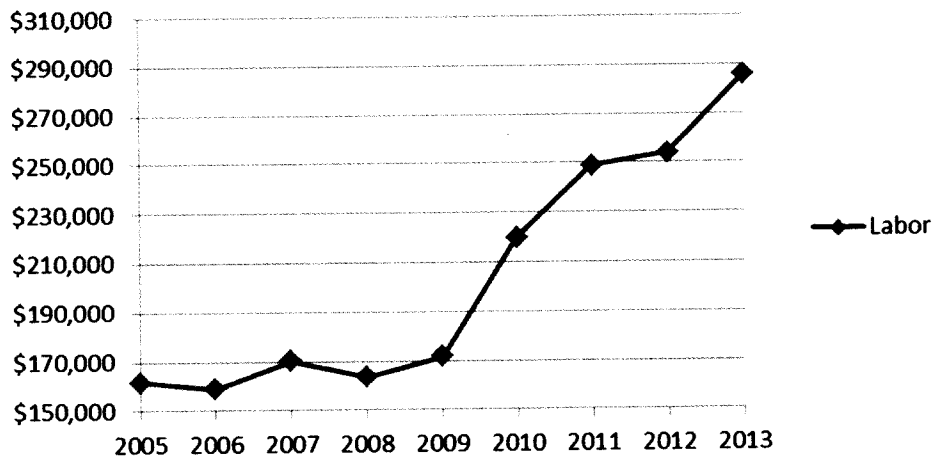
What will the additional revenue be used for:

- 1 Building to House Garbage Trucks
- 2 Land Purchase to build garage on.
- 3 New Garbage Trucks
- 4 Increased Wages
- 5 Scales - Hang Tags
- 6 Recycling

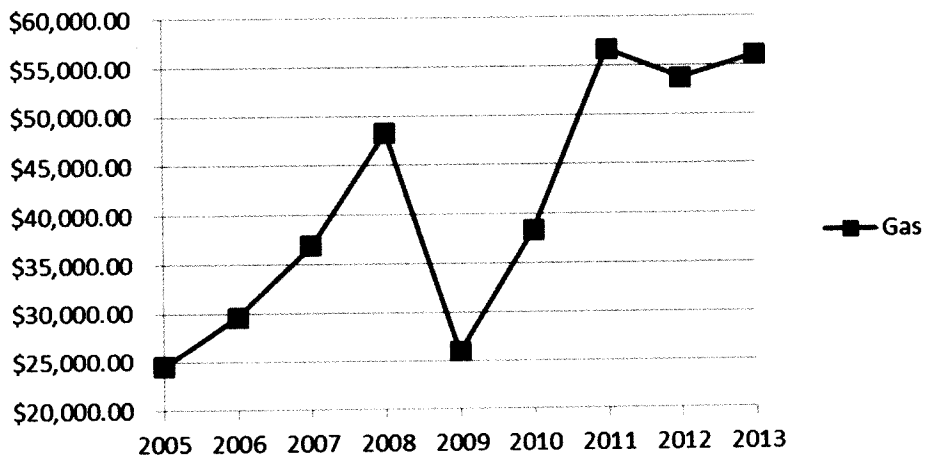
Landfill



Labor



Gas



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May 27, 2014

RE: Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase

Dear Customer,

Greetings from the City of Laurel. This letter is to inform you of an intent to raise the cost of disposing garbage for all residential and commercial users in the City of Laurel.

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on June 17th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall to hear citizen comments. The Council welcomes any and all comments in regards to the future rate structure.

Following is the Current Rate and Proposed Rate Structure for Solid Waste for the next 6 years:

Current:

Residential

July 13-June 14 \$11.80/month

Proposed:

Proposed Residential

July 14-June 15 \$12.80/month
 July '15-June '16 \$13.05/month
 July '17-June '18 \$13.30/month
 July '18-June '19 \$13.55/month
 June'19-July '20 \$13.80/month
 July '20-June '21 \$14.00/month

Commercial

July 2013-June 2014 \$.0272/gallon

Proposed Commercial

July 2014-June 2015 \$.0296/gallon
 July 2015-June 2016 \$.0302/gallon
 July 2016-June 2017 \$.0308/gallon
 July 2017-June 2018 \$.0314/gallon
 July 2018-June 2019 \$.0320/gallon
 July 2019-June 2020 \$.0325/gallon

These rates quoted above are calculated on the following percentages for all users:

Year 1	July 2014-June 2015	8.47% Increase
Year 2	July 2015-June 2016	1.95% Increase
Year 3	July 2016-June 2017	1.92% Increase
Year 4	July 2017-June 2018	1.88% Increase
Year 5	July 2018-June 2019	1.85% Increase
Year 6	July 2019-June 2020	1.45% Increase

The transfer site rates will remain the same.

The rate increase is due to increases in dumping fees at the landfill (up 123% since last rate increase), fuel costs (up over 216% since last rate increase) and an increase in labor costs.

Due to the frugal control of the Solid Waste Department the City has not raised the rates for the residential customers since 2000 and commercial customers since 2009.

Thank you for your patronage over the last few years and please come voice your opinion at the Public Hearing on June 17th, 2014. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to comment on the subject you may forward your comments to City of Laurel, P O Box 10, Laurel, MT 59044 or e-mail your comments to cityclerk@laurel.mt.gov.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Mace
Mayor, City of Laurel

RESOLUTION NO. R05-23

**THE CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA, HEREBY ELECTS
TO BE AND REMAIN A CITY OF THE THIRD CLASS**

WHEREAS, the latest official census taken under the direction of the Congress of the United States shows that the population of the City of Laurel, Montana, is greater than 5,000 but less than 7,500; and,

WHEREAS, no other direct enumeration of the inhabitants of the City of Laurel, Montana, has been made by the State or the City; and,

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Montana provide that any municipal corporation having a population within such limits may elect whether to be classified as a city of the third class or as a city of the second class,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana:

That pursuant to Section 7-1-4112 (2), Montana Code Annotated, the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, hereby elects to be and remain a city of the third class, and to be classified as a city of the third class, and to be governed under the provisions of the Montana Code relative to cities of the third class.

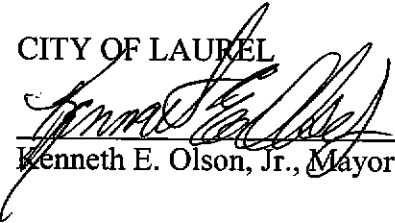
Certified copies of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Yellowstone County, Montana, and in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 1, 2005, by Alderman
Dart.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, this 1st day of March, 2005.


APPROVED by the Mayor this 1st day of March, 2005.

CITY OF LAUREL



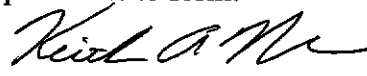
Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:



(for) Sam Painter, Legal Counsel
Elk River Law Office, P.L.L.P.

RESOLUTION NO. R05-54

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE NON-RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE RATES.

WHEREAS, the City Council passed and approved Resolution No. R05-39, dated May 3, 2005, stating its intention to raise the City non-residential refuse collection fees and order a rate hearing to be held; and,

WHEREAS, a public municipal hearing was conducted at the regular council meeting of May 17, 2005, where all interested or affected persons, associations, corporations and companies were afforded the opportunity to be present and represented by counsel, and to make such arguments as they considered proper, and all written comments were presented; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has fully considered all comments, protests and arguments regarding the proposed rate increase presented at the hearing, and the Council now finds it advisable to increase the refuse collection fees to all non-residential City users of the Solid Waste System, to accomplish the repairs and improvements of said facilities and defray increased costs of operation of said facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

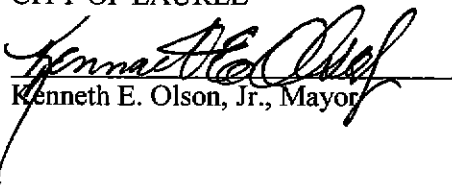
1. The non-residential refuse collection fee rates are raised in accordance with the attached "Exhibit A", incorporated herein in reference.
2. The new refuse collection fee rates shall become effective the July 10th billing period after the resolution is filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer.
3. This resolution is made pursuant to Section 8.04.060 of the Laurel Municipal Code.
4. This resolution hereby supersedes Resolution No. R00-34.

INTRODUCED at a special meeting of the City Council on May 31, 2005, by Alderman Mace.


PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 31st day of May, 2005.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 31st day of May, 2005.

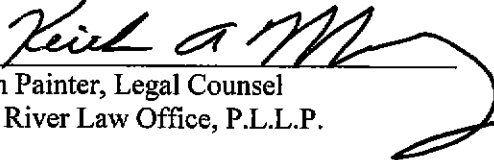
CITY OF LAUREL


Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

(for) 
Sam Painter, Legal Counsel
Elk River Law Office, P.L.L.P.

CITY OF LAUREL NON-RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE DISPOSAL RATE SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Laurel Municipal Code 8.04.060, the Laurel City Council establishes rates/fees for non-residential garbage collection by resolution. Pursuant to Resolution R05-54, adopted by the City Council the 31st day of May, 2005, the following calculations shall be used in determining rates charged for non-residential garbage collection by the City of Laurel.

These rates shall be increased annually over a five (5) year period after passage so that base rates of residential and non-residential users shall be equal after such period.

(1) Base Rate. Each non-residential garbage user shall be charged a base rate for gallons collected as follows:

Non-Residential Base Rate:	Year One (2005)	\$.0175 per gallon
	Year Two (2006)	\$.0200 per gallon
	Year Three (2007)	\$.0224 per gallon
	Year Four (2008)	\$.0248 per gallon
	Year Five+ (2009+)	\$.0272 per gallon

(2) Volume of Use. Non-residential users shall be assigned a volume of use variable per 300-gallon container (*) to be determined by the Public Works Department of the City of Laurel. Based upon average monthly use, a non-residential user shall be assigned a volume of use variable per 300-gallon container (*) of either:

- (1) 1/3 (0-100 gallons) (Actual rate charged per pickup = 100 gallons)
- (2) 2/3 (101-200 gallons) (Actual rate charged per pickup = 200 gallons)
- (3) Full (201-300 gallons) (Actual rate charged per pickup = 300 gallons)

* (4) Low volume users may be assigned a 90-gallon rollout container for pickup once per week. The Public Works Department shall have sole discretion in determining whether a user qualifies for this category. Adjustment of the volume of use variable is available pursuant to section (5).

(3) Calculation of Rate. Non-residential garbage rates shall be determined by multiplying the volume of use variable by the applicable yearly base rate per pickup.

Example: User "A" is assigned a 300-gallon refuse container and discards 100 gallons per day. The Public Works Department has assigned user "A" a 1/3 volume use variable. Refuse is collected six times per week. Thus, user "A" is charged the base rate of \$.0175 (in year 2005) times 100 (gallons) times 26 (pickups per month) for a monthly charge of \$45.50.

(4) Multiple Containers. Non-residential users who use multiple containers shall be assigned a volume of use variable for each container used. This volume of use variable shall be the same as prescribed in Section 2 above. The rate charged for multiple can users shall be in accordance with Section 3 above.

Example: User "B" is assigned two 300-gallon refuse containers but only discards an average of 500 gallons of refuse per day. The Public Works department has assigned user "B" a "full" volume of use variable (300 gallons) for container number one and a "2/3" volume of use variable (200 gallons) for container number two. User "B" is thus charged the base rate of \$.0272 (in year 2009) times 500 (gallons) times 26 (pickups per month) for a monthly charge of \$353.60. (See below for volume of use adjustment for years 2005-2009).

(4a) Multiple Container Volume of Use Adjustment. The volume of use currently assigned to non-commercial users with multiple containers shall be subtracted from the actual volume of use variable to be assigned by the Public Works Department. This current volume of use shall be increased per annum over a five (5) year period so that actual volume of use is charged in full at the end of such period. This volume of use adjustment for multiple can users shall be used in conjunction with the incremental cost increase of the base rate in Section 1 above. Thus, multiple can users shall be allowed to absorb increased costs over this five year period and make necessary adjustments to decrease costs, including decreased waste disposal and recycling.

Example: Multiple container user "M" currently is assigned two 300-gallon containers. The City's current volume of use variable lists "M" as using 60% (6.0) of both cans. (Sixty percent of 600 gallons equals 360 gallons.) Actual volume of use assigned, under Section 2 above, is "full" (300 gallons) for container one and "1/3" (100 gallons) for container two. Actual use under this rate schedule is 400 gallons, and current use under the City's former rate schedule was 360 gallons. Over a five-year period, this current 360-gallon variable shall be increased per annum to equal the actual use of 400 gallons at the end of such period. In this instance, 40 gallons separates current from actual use. This 40-gallon difference is divided over a five-year period to equal an increase of 8 gallons per year.

Applying the formula used above, user "M" is charged monthly as follows:

Year One: (\$0.0175 base rate) X (368 gallons) X (26 pickups)= \$90.40
Year Three: (\$0.0224 base rate) X (384 gallons) X (26 pickups)= \$223.64
Year Five: (\$0.0272 base rate) X (400 gallons) X (26 pickups)= \$282.88

(5) Determination of Volume of Use Variable. Volume of use variables for non-residential users shall be assigned based on similar users already in existence, or based upon current volume of use variables assigned by the City based on historical use. Volume of use variables shall be assigned the variable applicable under Section 2. Upon petition in writing to the Public Works Department, non-residential users may request an adjustment of the volume of use variable. The Public Works Director, in his or her sole

discretion, may adjust such rate based upon all relevant factors. No more than one request per calendar year per user is permitted.

Appeal. The Public Works Director's determination of a user's volume of use variable may be appealed in writing and heard by members present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works Committee. The user appealing may present evidence limited by rules enacted by the Committee. The Public Works Director, an advisory member of such Committee, may not vote on the appeal, but may present evidence supporting his or her decision.

A majority vote by the Committee to deny the appeal shall be final. If the Committee finds merit to the appeal, a written decision of the Committee shall be forwarded to the Laurel City Council. The Public Works Director shall present written findings to the Council if contrary to the Committee's findings. The Council, by majority vote of members present, shall uphold the Public Works Director's finding or recommend the changes suggested by the Committee. The Council shall not conduct a hearing on the matter, rather vote based on written findings submitted.

(6) Rates Subject to Change. Upon resolution of the City Council of Laurel, any fees/rates charged for non-residential garbage collection may be increased, amended or changed as necessary. A copy of the non-residential garbage fee schedule shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer and shall be open to inspection by any person during normal business hours.