



CITY OF TUCSON

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May 8, 2012

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

The Environmental Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) Finance Subcommittee has reviewed the information presented by Environmental Services (ES) staff regarding the revisions to Chapter 15 of the Tucson City Code. The ESAC Finance Subcommittee also reviewed the fundamentals of the Cost of Service Plan, which forms the basis for these revisions.

ES has developed an operating budget that is \$2,390,860 below the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Adopted Budget and is therefore not proposing an increase in residential fees or the Groundwater Protection (GWP) fee.

The ESAC Finance Subcommittee supports decreasing the roll-off rate for new contracts and introducing a rate for collections for twice a month collections, volume discounts for commercial front load service as well as special fees for household hazardous waste. ESAC also supports establishing pilot programs and fees for purposes of evaluating the feasibility of alternative solid waste collection or disposal programs and is pleased to support the concept of providing roll-offs for neighborhood cleanups to allow access to more residential associations which pay ES collection fees.

The ESAC Finance Subcommittee is aware that residential rates have not increased since FY 2011 and that next year ES will need to be even more diligent in monitoring their revenues and expenditures, even with the operating efficiencies already implemented. Additionally, the GWP fee will likely be affected by the progress of the Silverbell Landfill Remediation Project.

Therefore, the ESAC Finance Subcommittee strongly supports the revisions to Chapter 15 of the Tucson City Code as well as the related changes to existing fees and services.

Sincerely,

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