

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2014

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION &/or SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) is proposing a clarification of Ordinance 2013-35 relating to solid waste disposal fees. The revision clarifies that fees will remain at the 2013 rate at Pima County's Sahuarita solid waste disposal facility until conversion to the Sahuarita Transfer Station is necessary.

The proposed clarification to the fee schedule is for commercial and residential rates at the Sahuarita Solid Waste Disposal Facility. At the time Ordinance 2013-35 was adopted, the Sahuarita Landfill was scheduled to be converted to the Sahuarita Transfer Station. It was expected that the conversion from Sahuarita Landfill to Transfer Station would be necessary because the Sahuarita Landfill was projected to reach capacity and be unable to dispose of additional solid waste before July 1, 2014. However, the landfill is still operational and can still accept solid waste for onsite disposal. But, under Ordinance 2013-35 the fee to dispose of solid waste at Pima County's Sahuarita Facility was scheduled to increase on July 1, 2014 because of the anticipated increased cost of operating the Sahuarita Transfer Station. There was no provision for disposal fees for continued landfill operation.

CONTRACT NUMBER (if applicable): _____

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S):

Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed ordinance clarification relating to Solid Waste disposal at the Sahuarita location. It is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of Pima County that this Ordinance become immediately effective, because staff feel that not being able to provide this service constitutes an emergency.

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS: _____

CLERK OF BOARD USE ONLY: BOS MTG. _____

ITEM NO. _____

PIMA COUNTY COST: ____ and/or REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY:\$_____

FUNDING SOURCE(S): _____

(i.e. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium D. Fund, etc.)

Advertised Public Hearing:

YES NO

Board of Supervisors District:

1 2 3 4 5 All

IMPACT:

IF APPROVED:

Effective July 1, 2014, and until it is necessary to begin operating Pima County's Sahuarita solid waste disposal location as the Sahuarita Transfer Station, the fee for solid waste disposal at the Sahuarita location will remain the amount effective on September 6, 2013 originally established by Ordinance 2013-35, as follows:

Commercial: \$32.50/ton (minimum \$15)

Residential: \$15/vehicle (less than 1 ton); \$32.50/ton.

When the Sahuarita Landfill is no longer able to accept solid waste from the public and the Sahuarita Transfer Station is in operation, the increased Sahuarita Transfer Station Fee established by Ordinance 2013-35 will be charged.

IF DENIED:

Sahuarita landfill will not be able to accept solid waste until the construction of the transfer station is complete.

DEPARTMENT NAME: Pima County Department of Environmental Quality

CONTACT PERSON: Ursula Nelson, Director TELEPHONE NO.: 724-7454

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-__

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY,
ARIZONA RELATING TO LANDFILLS AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES;
CLARIFYING ORDINANCE 2013-35 IN RELATION TO SOLID WASTE FEES
FOR THE SAHUARITA LOCATION.**

The Board Finds that:

1. Pima County maintains a location in Sahuarita for the disposal of solid waste and charges a fee for disposal of solid waste in Sahuarita.
2. The fee adopted in Ordinance 2013-35 for solid waste disposal at the Sahuarita location was scheduled to increase effective July 1, 2014.
3. The July 1, 2014 Sahuarita fee increase was adopted based on the anticipated increased costs associated with the conversion of the Sahuarita solid waste disposal location from the Sahuarita Landfill to the Sahuarita Transfer Station because the landfill would have limited remaining capacity and would no longer have room to dispose solid waste from the public onsite.
4. The Sahuarita Landfill is still able to accept solid waste for onsite disposal.
5. The Board did not intend the fee for solid waste disposal at the Sahuarita location to increase until it became necessary to operate a transfer station in Sahuarita and incur the additional cost associated with the planned Sahuarita Transfer Station.
6. As of July 1, 2014 Pima County had not started to incur the additional cost associated with the operation of a Sahuarita Transfer Station.
7. It is important for the public health and for environmental protection for the Sahuarita area residents and businesses to be able to dispose of solid waste at a location in or near Sahuarita to allow for the proper disposal of waste material in an approved facility.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

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Section 2. It is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of Pima County that this Ordinance become immediately effective, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance is effective immediately.

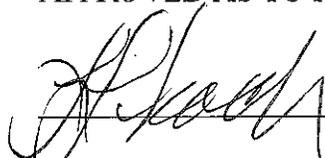
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2014

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

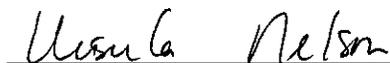
Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy County Attorney

REVIEWED BY:



Ursula Nelson, Director
Department of Environmental Quality