



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Public Works Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

FROM: James R. Clinch PE, Director of Public Works and Asset Management

DATE: June 5, 2020

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: June 23rd, 2020

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2020-23, Update to Recycling Surcharge Rate

Background:

On November 19th, 2018, the City Council adopted a 23% recycling surcharge fee due to a large increase in third party recyclable processing costs. While many communities had stopped recycling altogether due to these economic challenges, this surcharge fee allowed the City of Venice to continue operating its recycling program successfully. Recycling is very beneficial to our local environment and the value of recyclable materials are beginning to slowly improve. In October 2019, the City negotiated a new processing contract with Single Stream Recyclers, LLC and we are now realizing a costs savings in the disposal costs.

In coordination with the Finance Department, we have reviewed the new recycling disposal costs and would propose a reduction in the current surcharge from 23% to 19%. This 4% reduction will result in a monthly savings of approximately \$0.43 for the average residential customer. It is our intent to continue to monitor and update this surcharge in the future, to be consistent with our actual disposal costs.

Requested Action:

Approval of Resolution 2020-23.

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: Yes

Funds Availability (account number): Yes

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Resolution 2020-23, Rate Surcharge Calculation

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