



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: May 13, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021

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

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2021-17, 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 market value of recyclable materials are showing improvement. On July 1, 2020, the City Council reduced the surcharge to 19% based on current market conditions and actual disposal costs.

In coordination with the Finance Department, we have reviewed the recycling disposal costs and would propose a reduction in the current surcharge from 19% to 14%. This 5% reduction will result in a monthly savings of approximately \$0.45 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 2021-17.

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: Yes

Funds Availability (account number): Yes

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Resolution 2021-17, Rate Surcharge Calculation

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