

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Selene Ting

**Date Submitted:** 04/11/2025 01:02 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0600-S9

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed increase in our trash fees being proposed by the Bureau of Sanitation to increase our Trash Fee (Solid Waste Resources Fee) by 54%, with fees accelerating annually, is unfair and frankly unaffordable. I am a senior citizen living in the Spaulding Square area and even though I only produce 1 small bag of trash and 1 bin of leaves per week, my trash fee per bill is about \$105. I do not work, and only collect a fixed income. Everything, EVERYTHING has gone up in price, from groceries to insurance due to wildfires. There already is no escape from escalating utility rates and to increase the trash fee to over 80% by 2030 is outrageous. I have no idea how my trash fee is calculated, but it does not reflect at all the way I live. If I were a family of 4, 5, or 6, maybe what I pay now would be fair, but I am just 1 person, and a very low consumer of items that would generate trash. I am aware that apartment buildings pay relatively little compared to what I do. If any fees are to be increased it should be to the landlords, who can deduct the fees from their rental income. Don't do this to individual homeowners! The Bureau of Sanitation should charge homeowners and apartment buildings by weight for the actual amount of trash being hauled away. Clearly, the Bureau is not thinking this out and is instead determined to get away with charging whatever they want. They already overcharge and should have their bookkeeping reviewed. Fuel prices are already going down, and with what is being charged, there should have been a surplus to analyze the issues. If there isn't, someone is embezzling. Please reject these proposed increases and do not consider them until they are made more reasonable. If social security is paying a COLA of 3%, then these fees should reflect that. There has to be some consideration for customers and alternative solutions to charging such unaffordable fees!

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** shelby@shelbymarlo.com

**Date Submitted:** 04/11/2025 01:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm 65 years old and on a fixed income this would be a disaster for me, and for many in my community.

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