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On May 6, 2013, the Alexandria City Council adopted Resolution No. 2555 as part of its FY 2014 budget which approves an increase in the refuse fee for commercial properties. This fee had not been increased since 2006 and was necessary to cover the increased costs of refuse collection and disposal as well as for the provision of recycling services to commercial customers as now required by City ordinance. This decision follows a recent change of the City's invoicing system for commercial customers that began in the fall of 2012 and which changed the invoicing period from a monthly/quarterly invoice processed by Virginia American Water to a semi-annual invoice processed directly by the City.

Beginning in fiscal year 2014, the refuse fee for commercial properties will increase from \$217 per unit of service per year to \$328 per unit of service per year. As part of this fee increase, all commercial refuse customers who elect to continue with service provided by the City will be provided a City recycling container for weekly collection of recyclable materials on the same day as their refuse service collection. Acceptable recyclable materials will be the same as those allowed for residential collection.

The commercial refuse service is provided as a courtesy to small businesses that were previously provided refuse service as a residential property or that meet the qualifications for service as a non-required user of City refuse services within districts already serviced by the City. Any commercial refuse customer that is a non-required user may choose to discontinue their City refuse service and hire a permitted, private refuse hauler if they wish to do so by notifying the City's Solid Waste Division in writing at the address above, and updating their Recycling Implementation Plan for commercial properties to reflect their change in service.

Additional information about the City's recycling programs and permitted refuse haulers is available on the City's web page at www.alexandriava.gov/solidwaste. If you have any questions about the new amount of the fee to be charged, the number of units of service used to calculate that fee or require further assistance, please contact Stiles.Peabody@alexandriava.gov or Tel: 703.746.4135.

Sincerely,

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