

Notice of Proposed Increase in Fees – Pursuant to ARS 9-499.15, public notice is hereby given that at a meeting on May 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., the Avondale City Council will consider a resolution adopting fees related to Solid Waste. The meeting is scheduled at the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 11465 W Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323.

# CITY OF AVONDALE SOLID WASTE RATE RECOMMENDATION

March 3, 2025  
CITY OF AVONDALE

## Introduction

The City of Avondale provides solid waste utility services to approximately 25,800 residential customers. The service consists of once-a-week curbside trash pickup, once-a-week recycling pickup, and once a month bulk waste collection. To be able to provide solid waste services, the city charges residents a monthly rate to cover the entire cost of providing these services. In order to keep pace with escalating costs while continuing to provide these services, the city must periodically adjust the monthly charge for these services.

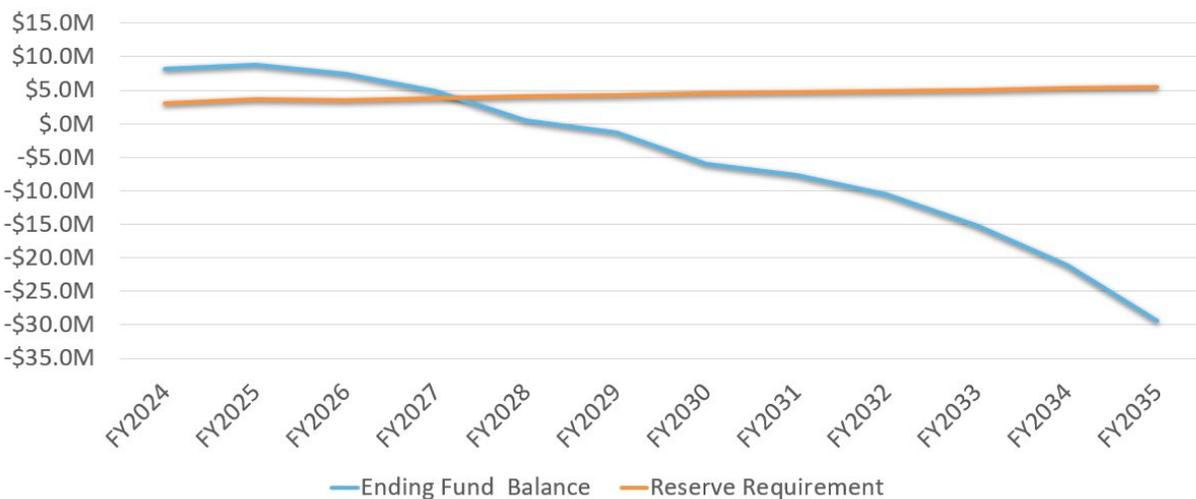
## Financial Projection

The City of Avondale has completed a financial plan and rate recommendation for the city's solid waste utility. Staff evaluated a multi-year financial planning period spanning from FY2025 through FY2035.

The Solid Waste utility has inflationary increases that make providing services to residents more expensive. These increases in the cost of doing business include vehicles (55%), recycling (196%), personnel (14%) and landfill fees (20%).

The plan below shows the financial forecast for the Solid Waste utility if the city does not implement a rate increase.

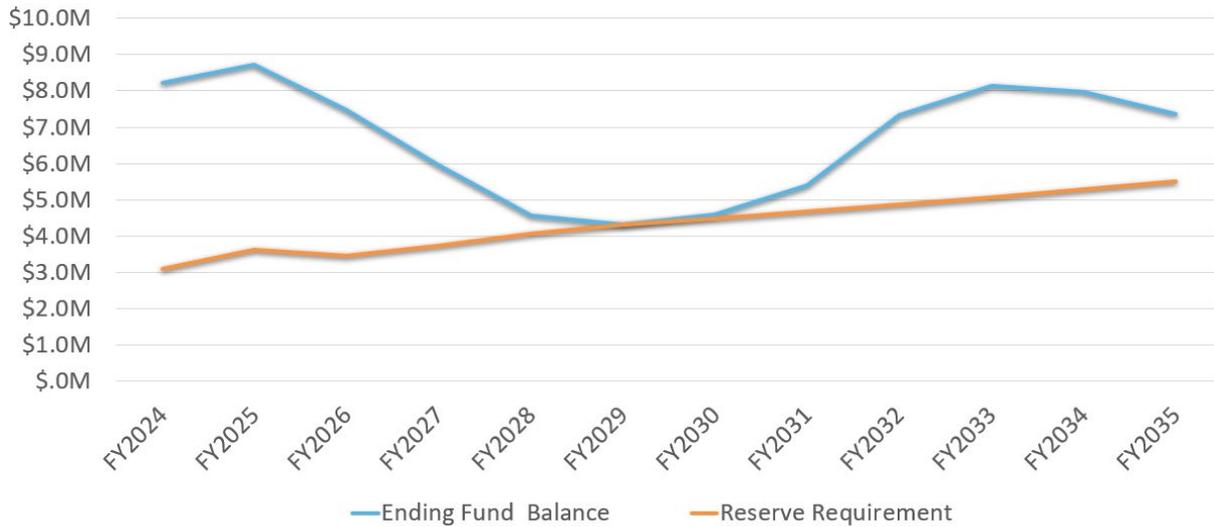
### Solid Waste Fund – Fund Balance Forecast



The cash flow projections above show that without a rate increase, there is not sufficient revenue to keep pace with costs and to stay above the utility's minimum reserve requirements.

Staff projects the utility will be able to stay above the minimum balance requirements with a \$1.60 annual increase for one can curbside service starting in July 2025 and a \$1.75 annual increase starting in July 2026 (see graph below).

## Solid Waste Fund – Fund Balance Forecast



## Solid Waste Fund Financial Projection

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FY2034	FY2035
	Actuals	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	9,166,833	8,118,149	8,708,000	7,485,000	5,963,000	4,563,000	4,319,000	4,599,000	5,397,337	7,340,963	8,146,641	7,967,436
<b>Total Sources</b>	8,005,000	8,807,764	9,308,500	10,263,926	11,178,813	12,160,470	13,214,927	14,088,676	15,012,576	16,000,782	16,479,637	16,952,675
<b>Total Expenses</b>	8,965,000	8,218,000	10,532,000	11,786,000	12,579,000	12,404,000	12,935,000	13,290,339	13,068,950	15,195,104	16,658,842	17,562,617
<b>Revenue (Loss)</b>	(960,000)	589,764	(1,223,500)	(1,522,074)	(1,400,187)	(243,530)	279,927	798,337	1,943,625	805,679	(179,205)	(609,941)
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	8,207,000	8,708,000	7,485,000	5,963,000	4,563,000	4,319,000	4,599,000	5,397,337	7,340,963	8,146,641	7,967,436	7,357,495
<b>Reserve Requirement</b>	3,099,000	3,633,000	3,447,000	3,747,000	4,075,000	4,304,000	4,486,000	4,668,000	4,860,000	5,063,000	5,277,000	5,503,000
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	5,108,000	5,075,000	4,038,000	2,216,000	488,000	15,000	113,000	729,337	2,480,963	3,083,641	2,690,436	1,854,495

## Recommendation

Staff recommends the following rates below be implemented on July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027.

## Solid Waste Proposed Rates

July 1, 2024      July 1, 2025      July 1, 2026

<b>Residential Refuse &amp; Recyclable Collection</b>	One refuse container One recycling container	\$27.00	\$28.60	\$30.35
	Two refuse containers One recycling container	\$43.00	\$45.56	\$48.36

## Solid Waste Overview



**CUSTOMERS**  
25,800  
↑ 8%



**TRASH TONS**  
27,880  
↓ -2%



**RECYCLED TONS**  
5,919  
↑ 27%



**BULK WASTE TONS**  
6,121  
↓ -8%

Customers as of December 2024; total tons collected for FY2024  
FY2023 versus FY2025



## Solid Waste Expenditure Pressures



↑ 196%  
Recycling



↑ 55%  
Vehicles



↑ 14%  
Personnel  
Service



↑ 20%  
Landfill



↓ -3%  
Fuel,  
Maintenance,  
and Repairs

FY2023 budget to FY2025 budget



## Solid Waste Operational Changes



Maintain current service levels



Changed bulk trash zones to balance operations April 2023



Changed trash and recycling service schedule February 2025

## Solid Waste Rates

### Structure

- 1 refuse, 1 recycling, monthly bulk - \$27.00
- 2 refuse, 1 recycling, monthly bulk - \$43.00
- Special one-time pickup - \$28.00

# Example Solid Waste Bill - Current



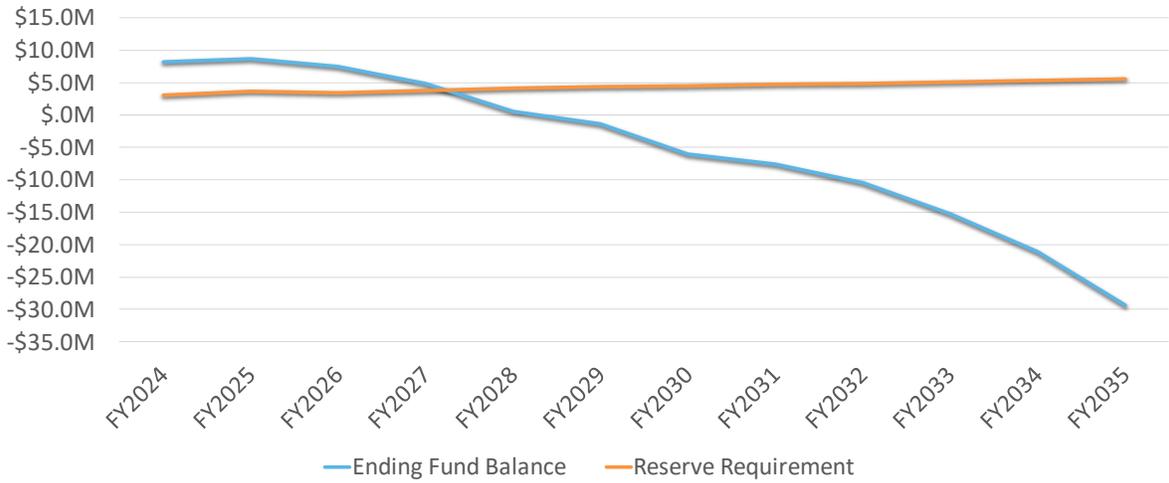
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<b>ACCOUNT NO</b>
Typical residential customer with 1 trash and 1 recycle can

Solid Waste Base Fee \$ 27.00



## Solid Waste Financial Forecast No Rate Increase



# Recommended Rate Increase Solid Waste



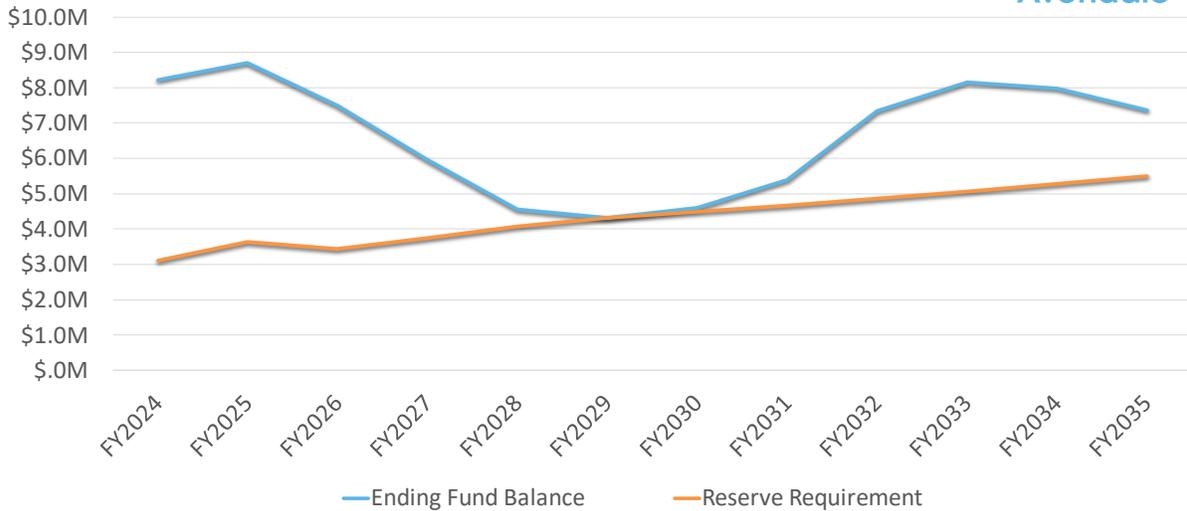
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	<b>Current</b>	<b>Jul-2025</b>	<b>Jul-2026</b>
Solid Waste Base Fee	\$ 27.00	\$ 28.60	\$ 30.35
\$ Change		\$ 1.60	\$ 1.75
% Change		6.0%	6.1%

2 trash, 1 recycle container to increase \$2.56 for FY26, \$2.80 for FY27

## Financial Forecast – Solid Waste \$1.60 Rate Increase FY26, \$1.75 Rate Increase FY27



## Recommendation Summary



### Water



### Sewer



### Solid Waste

<b>FY2026</b>	6.7% rate increase – base and tier 7.5% Water Treatment Fee 6.2% Water Resource Fee	2.0% rate increase	\$1.60 increase
<b>FY2027</b>	6.1% rate increase	2.0% rate increase	\$1.75 increase



Appendix B: Price Comparison of Solid Waste Rate to Valley Cities

