

Town of Franklin

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

April 10, 2020

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Bylaw Amendment 20-857: Chapter 82 Municipal Service Fees - Trash & Recycling Service Fees

We are requesting an increase in the annual curbside trash & recycling fee from \$248 a year to \$278 per year effective July 1, 2020. This amounts to a \$7.50 per quarter increase.

This increase is a direct result of the changes to the recycling market in China as previously described at Town Council meetings, as well as the Commonwealth's required prevailing wage increase of 18% on our trash and recycling contractor. These are factors of which the Town has little to no control. As history shows below, as the market changes so do the prices and we will keep an eye out in the future to see if costs can be reduced for the taxpayer. That said, this fee increase is required in order to pick up the trash and recycling curbside as we all know it on July 1st.

It is important to note, the annual fee for a resident is still \$22 a year lower than in 2005.

I have also included a breakdown of cart totals in town for FY20. See below.

CURBSIDE TRASH FEES HISTORY

FY05	\$300	FY13	\$204	FY21	\$278 Proposed
FY06	\$216	FY14	\$212		
FY07	\$240	FY15	\$216		
FY08	\$232	FY16	\$200		
FY09	\$244	FY17	\$204		
FY10	\$244	FY18	\$200		
FY11	\$220	FY19	\$208		
FY12	\$220	FY20	\$248		

Trash & Recycling toter breakdown

Refuse / recycle cart	65 gallon	9,300
Refuse / recycle cart	35 gallon	30
Second Refuse cart	same location	200
Second Recycle cart	same location	80
Business carts		40
Bags (Overflow)		3,000



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BYLAW AMENDMENT 20-857**

**CHAPTER 82, MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEES
BYLAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
FRANKLIN AT CHAPTER 82**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT: Chapter 82 of the Code of the Town of Franklin, section 6 "Schedule of Service Fees" is hereby amended (add underlined text, delete struck).

§ 82-6. Schedule of Service Fees.

DEPARTMENT	FEE	FY20 RATE	FY21 RATE
Public Works	Curbside Trash (annual)		
	Fee using 65-gallon trash and recycling carts	\$248	<u>\$278</u>
	Fee using 35-gallon trash and recycling carts	\$212	
	Beaver Street Recycling Center (annual sticker fee)	\$35	

This bylaw amendment shall become effective July 1, 2020.

DATED: _____, 2020

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

A True Record Attest:

**Teresa M. Burr, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**