

Town of Franklin

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

December 15, 2023

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Friguliatti, Deputy Town Administrator

**Re: Bylaw Amendment 23-903: A Bylaw to Amend the Code of the Town of Franklin at Chapter 82
Municipal Service Fees - Second Reading**

This is a second reading and final vote of Bylaw Amendment 23-903, which if approved will revise the fee schedule to increase the cost to recycle a mattress and/or box spring from \$10.00 to \$65.00. A first reading of this bylaw was held on November 15, 2023 and the Town Council voted unanimously (8-0) to move it to a second reading.

Included in the December 20th Town Council meeting agenda packet is a letter from Brutus, which provides detailed information and background supporting this proposed increase, as well as the legal ad for the second reading and final vote.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.

**LEGAL NOTICE
FRANKLIN, MA**

The Franklin Town Council will hold a second reading and final vote on the adoption of two Town Code Bylaw Amendments as follows:

23-902: Chapter 147, Snow and Ice, Removal Of - Adds a new bylaw which imposes requirements upon abutting property owners to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks as indicated in the proposed map titled "Sidewalk Snow Removal Required By Property Owner"

23-903: Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service, § 82-6 Schedule of Service Fees, Subsection L. Public Works - Revises the fee schedule to increase the cost to recycle a mattress and/or box spring from \$10 to \$65

The second reading and final votes on adoption of each of these bylaw amendments will take place during the Town Council Public Meeting beginning at 7:00 pm on December 20, 2023; there will be an opportunity for public input during the process. Location: Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 355 E. Central Street, Franklin, and also via the "ZOOM" platform. Residents can visit the Town website (Franklinma.gov) town calendar to review the agenda including full text of proposed bylaw amendments, including the proposed map, and for up to date meeting information, on and after December 15, 2023. Please call the Town Administrator's Office at (508) 520-4949 if you require further information.

Submitted by,

Julie McCann



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

257 Fisher Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Date: November 7, 2023

For: Mr. Jamie Helen, Town Administrator
Town of Franklin
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Re: Mattress Fee Increase

Dear Jamie,

As you are aware, mattresses were added to the items included in the Massachusetts Waste Ban on November 1, 2022, which means they must be recycled; not buried or incinerated.

Before the updated Waste Ban took effect, we processed less than 300 mattresses per year at the Recycle Center, and the cost was minimal.

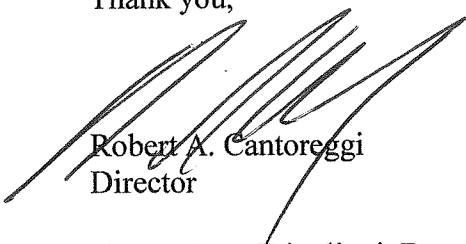
Last year, our recycling costs increased as residents brought more mattresses to the Recycle Center. There are several reasons for this: the exclusion of mattresses from the waste stream, decreased removal options, and dramatic price increases at facilities who continued to offer mattress recycling. Whereas, The Town of Franklin did not impose an increase. I also believe that many mattresses we receive are "imported" from outside of Franklin, where someone knows a resident and is taking advantage of our low cost service.

Presently, we only charge \$10 to drop off a mattress at the Recycle Center, yet our costs are rising to \$65 each. If a mattress is soiled or gets wet, our disposal cost is \$135.

In FY23 the Recycling Center took in 473 mattresses. Even with this increased volume, we were able to stay within our operating budget through supplementing the costs with Mass DEP grant funding. This fiscal year we have already taken in 654 mattresses and are on track to process nearly 1,500 - which is an estimated cost of \$95,000! We had anticipated a total cost of \$20,000. We are unable to bridge this budget gap through grant funding alone.

To represent the true cost recycling / disposing mattress, using available grant funding and to help offset our deficit for this service, I respectfully request that we increase the cost to recycle a mattress at the recycling center from \$10.00 dollars to \$65.00.

Thank you,



Robert A. Cantoreggi
Director

CC: Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator
Carlos Rebelo, Highway and Grounds Superintendent
Derek Adams, Environmental Affairs Coordinator
Kathy Mooradd, Administration & Budgets Manager
Chris Sandini, Director of Finance
Kerri Bertone, Town Treasurer and Collector
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TOWN OF FRANKLIN

BYLAW AMENDMENT 23-903

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL that Chapter 82 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is amended at Section 82-6 Schedule of Service Fees, Subsection L. Public Works, by striking existing language and replacing it as set out below:

§ 82-6. Schedule of service fees.

L. Public Works

Service Fee	Rate
Beaver Street Recycling Center (annual sticker fee)	\$35
Beaver Street Recycling Center (Beaver Street recycling sticker required)	
ABC (asphalt, brick, concrete) per load	\$15
Auto batteries	No charge
Carpeting - 4-foot rolls, 24-inch diameter	\$10
Freon-containing items	\$15 per item
Grills	No charge
Hazardous waste	\$5 per gallon, \$5 per 10 pounds
Mattresses and box springs	\$10 <u>\$65</u>
Propane tanks	\$5 each
Sinks	\$10
Sticker fee (10 consecutive days)	\$25
Televisions (less than 25 inches)	\$15
Televisions (25 inches and greater)	\$25
Tires (all sizes)	\$5 each
Toilets	\$15
Tubs/showers	\$50
Yard waste (per registered vehicle or trailer)	
Car, pickup truck, van or trailer under 4x8 with-out sides	No charge
Pickup truck with extended sides	\$25 per load
Trailer (over 4x8) or enclosed cargo trailer	\$25 per load

This bylaw amendment shall become effective on and after January 1, 2024.

DATED: _____, 2023

A True Record Attest:

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council