DATE: February 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Authorize the advertisement for a Public Hearing for a Proposed FY 2007 Household Solid Waste Increase.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the advertisement of the public hearing on the proposed amendment to Chapter 10, Article I (Refuse) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, on March 20, 2006 and authorize the second advertisement, scheduled for March 27, 2006 as notification for a public hearing to be held on March 30, 2006. The amendment, if approved would increase the annual Household Solid Waste Rate to a maximum of $260.36.

ISSUE: Should the County increase the Household Solid Waste Rate of not more than $11.60 per household to a maximum total rate of no more than $260.36 per household per year, in order to realize revenues necessary to finance expenses in the FY 2007 Proposed Budget?

SUMMARY: The FY 2007 Proposed Budget includes increases in the County’s costs for curbside recycling and refuse collection. In order to keep the cost of collection and disposal of household solid waste and residential recycling 100 percent covered by fees, the FY 2007 Proposed Budget includes a maximum increase of $11.60 in the Household Solid Waste Rate (HSWR), resulting in a rate of no more than $260.36 per household per year.

BACKGROUND: The increase in the Household Solid Waste Rate is based on the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Bureau's FY 2007 proposed budget that includes increases for annual salary step adjustments, living wage and contractual increases for residential curbside and refuse collection contracts, additional funding to replace 10 percent of all refuse carts and purchase new recycling bins, fuel cost increases, a projected increase for disposal charges at the Waste-to-Energy plant, and Department of Environmental Services and County indirect costs.

FISCAL IMPACT: A rate increase in the Household Solid Waste Rate of $11.60 or 4.7 percent was included in the FY 2007 County Manager’s Proposed Budget. The resulting annual HSWR rate of $260.36 per household would raise $8.37 million in Fiscal Year FY 2007 and continue the practice of 100 percent recovery of the cost of household solid waste collection.
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 10 (GARBAGE, REFUSE AND WEEDS) OF ARLINGTON COUNTY CODE RELATING TO INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE RATE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006 BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 10, Article 1 of the Arlington County Code is amended, reenacted, and recodified as follows, effective July 1, 2006:

§10-8. Refuse collection and disposal charges; relief from such charges.

(a) There is hereby imposed for each single-family residential dwelling and each unit of duplex residential dwelling an annual charge of two hundred forty-eight dollars and seventy-six cents ($248.76) two hundred sixty dollars and thirty-six cents ($260.36) billed quarterly, beginning with the quarter of July 1, 2005 2006, through September 20, 2005 2006, for refuse collection and disposal and recycling by Arlington County.