

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Patricia Abbott
Controller/Interim Town Manager

Date: December 2, 2024

Re: Ordinance 1971: Solid Waste Management Fee

At the November 7, 2024, meeting, Council heard the ordinance on first reading. The ordinance will set solid waste collection rates for fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028. This fee is charged to residential utility customers and must cover the cost of weekly garbage and recycling collection, branch and leaf collection, and the ongoing costs required for the maintenance of a closed municipal landfill.

The current rate of \$29.36/month is not sufficient to meet the needs of the Solid Waste Management Fund. This user fee is the primary source of revenue for the fund. Baker Tilly has performed their analysis and recommended an 8% increase in 2025 with 3.50% increases in the years 2026, 2027, and 2028. These increases would happen with the bills due in March of each year.

Council met with Baker Tilly to discuss their process and suggestions.

Recommendation:

By motion and roll call vote, adopt Ordinance 1971 on second reading as presented.