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Chesapeake Waste Continues with the City of Cambridge

During their special meeting on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025, the Cambridge City Council approved an amendment to the Solid Waste Agreement between the City and Chesapeake Waste Industries, LLC. This amendment extends, according to the original agreement, the contract for one year and provides for a price increase per customer for the life of this contract.

Commissioner Shay Lewis-Sisco questioned why the City opted to activate the extension built into the original contract. City Manager Glenn Steckman explained that time and the lack of competing bids when the existing contract was awarded made this option the most sensible choice. He added, “Right now, Chesapeake [Waste] can do it cheaper than we can.”

The Council approved a resolution to increase the monthly charge for residents for the removal of solid waste and the monthly cost of additional garbage cans. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the monthly cost is \$19.35 per unit and the monthly charge for an additional garbage can is \$1.75. The resolution also maintains the existing .26 cent administrative fee.

Commissioner Shay Lewis-Sisco expressed concern about the immediacy of implementing the increase, suggesting March 2026 as reasonable to give residents time to adjust.

The amendment to the contract was approved by the council. The resolution for the price increase was also approved, with Commissioner Lewis-Sisco opposed.

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