



Summary of Options for Unincorporated Fulton County Solid Waste Disposal Services

Option 1 - Status Quo

Issue: Significant numbers of households do not have garbage service.
Concerns: Large amounts of improper disposal of solid waste.
Revenue: None
Expenses: \$400,000 illegal dumping; \$220,000 Merk Miles operational cost
Monthly Residential Cost (\$9.00-\$38.00)

Option 2 - Full Implementation of 1996 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinance

Issues: Requires additional resources and will result in a mandated minimum level of service; Ordinance does not allow vendor to price solid waste collection separately from recycling and yard waste services. Citizens retain ability to select their provider.
Concerns: Ordinance does not require bulk waste collection, which is 95% of the material which is illegally dumped. Citizen can opt-out for self hauling of waste to a permitted disposal facility.
Revenue: None
Expenses: \$400,000 illegal dumping; \$220,000 Merk Miles operational cost
Estimated Monthly Residential Cost (\$23.00-\$38.00)

Option 3 – Nonexclusive Franchise Service

Issues: Multiple vendors operating under a franchise contract with Fulton County. County would collect a permit/franchise/regulatory fee from the vendors. Citizens retain their ability to select their solid waste provider.
Concerns: Citizen would be required to participate in curbside collection; Multiple vendors operating in the same neighborhood.
Revenue: \$400,000-\$800,000 annually
Expenses: Estimated Monthly Residential Cost (\$20.00-\$38.00)

Option 4 – Exclusive Franchise Service

Issues: Fulton County would be responsible for selecting one or more garbage providers.
Concerns: Citizen would lose option to choose hauler individually.
Revenue: \$1,260,000 annually
Expenses: Estimated Monthly Residential Cost (Less than \$20.00) with the option to provide backdoor service for seniors and disabled.