

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2690

RE: Approving 2027 Final Agency Budget

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (the "Agency") has prepared and reviewed a proposed 2027 Agency Budget, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Solid Waste Management Agreements by and between the Agency and Municipalities, the Agency is required to inform certain Municipalities the proposed tipping fees and pull charges for the next ensuing year, and

WHEREAS, the Agency has forwarded the proposed 2027 Budget with the notification of the proposed 2027 municipal tipping fee of \$135.00 per ton plus other charges as required by the Municipal Solid Waste Management Agreements with the municipalities of Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Legislature approved a Local Law #10 of 2012 the "Flow Control Law"; private sector haulers and those who haul waste to the Agency facilities are required to pay a tipping fee of \$150.00 per ton in the year 2027 Budget, and

WHEREAS, public comments on the budget were made during a public hearing on September 24, 2026, and the Agency has considered the public comments and has determined that the budget and tipping fees are justified, based upon the costs to be incurred in the exportation of solid waste and sewage sludge, the significant cost increase of disposal of solid waste, the increase in personnel costs, cost of diesel fuel, monitoring of and collection and disposal of leachate from the closed consolidation landfills in Ulster County, providing collection of solid waste and regulated recyclables at the municipal drop-off stations and providing free Household Hazardous Waste disposal for residents at the Agency's HHW disposal days and free recycling to residents who use the municipal drop-off centers, and

WHEREAS, the Agency's tipping fee compares favorably to other tipping fees charged by comparable solid waste systems, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the continued operation of the Agency that it set a tipping fee sufficient to meet its operating costs, and

WHEREAS, Local Law #10 of 2012 "Flow Control Law" has been passed by the Ulster County Legislature to provide the Agency with a more competitive tipping fee structure, to ensure that solid waste sufficient to maintain the system at a reasonable cost to all, is received by the Agency, and

WHEREAS, that the public hearing on said final agency budget was held on September 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Agency's Offices in the Town of Ulster,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, that the Agency does hereby approve the 2027 Agency Budget, in the same form and substance as annexed hereto, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the basic 2027 tipping fee for use of Agency facilities be set at \$150.00 per ton of solid waste for private sector haulers and those who haul waste to the Agency, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2027 municipal tipping fee where the Agency hauls be set at \$135.00 per ton plus a \$95.00 pull charge and \$135.00 per ton for the municipalities that self-haul as required by the Solid Waste Management Agreements with the Municipalities of Ulster County, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and empowered to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote: Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Date: October 22, 2026

Financial Impact: See Attached

	2025 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 135/ton)	2025 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 150/135/150/ton)	2027 PROPOSED BUDGET (@ 150/135/152/ton)	CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL
MSW/C&D TONS	142,800	135,000	130,000	-
SEWAGE SLUDGE TONS	3,250	3,250	3,300	-
TOTAL TONS	146,050	138,250	133,300	-
REVENUES				
Tipping Fees	\$ 19,716,750	\$ 20,486,250	\$ 19,799,100	-
Compost Tipping Fees	\$ 330,750	\$ 354,500	\$ 105,000	-
Miscellaneous Leachate/MSW Hauling	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	-
Town Box Rental	\$ 35,112	\$ 35,112	\$ 34,188	-
Town Pull Charge	\$ 247,000	\$ 199,500	\$ 220,000	-
Fuel Surcharge	\$ 1,747,091	\$ 1,247,175	\$ 1,716,074	-
Recycling Service/Tipping Fees	\$ 250,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 390,000	-
Sales of Recyclables	\$ 715,500	\$ 610,000	\$ 653,750	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 222,000	-
Grants	\$ 248,959	\$ 230,000	\$ 944,000	(45,000) removed reuse coord
Net Service Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 23,566,162	\$ 23,737,537	\$ 24,104,112	(45,000)
EXPENDITURES				
<u>Agency Personnel Expense</u>				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,817,554	\$ 2,994,568	\$ 3,154,732	\$ 4,800 added MR raise
Overtime Wages	\$ 325,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 330,000	-
Longevity Bonus Payments	\$ 25,950	\$ 42,000	\$ 53,500	-
Benefits - Taxes	\$ 247,858	\$ 261,277	\$ 267,946	\$ 368 added MR raise
Benefits - Pension	\$ 355,739	\$ 441,755	\$ 464,852	\$ 2,461 rec'd actual rates
Benefits - Health Insurance	\$ 1,060,411	\$ 1,164,140	\$ 1,232,604	\$ (31,536) rec'd actual rates
Benefits - Retirees Health Insurance	\$ 104,740	\$ 35,836	\$ 39,568	\$ (941) rec'd actual rates
Total Agency Personnel Expense	\$ 4,937,252	\$ 5,299,576	\$ 5,543,202	\$ (24,848)
<u>Administration Expense</u>				
General Administration	\$ 282,500	\$ 310,000	\$ 323,500	\$ 6,000 strategic planning
Insurance	\$ 493,669	\$ 565,878	\$ 644,055	\$ 24,128 rec'd est from broker
Contract Services	\$ 289,923	\$ 172,367	\$ 178,167	\$ -
Total Administration Expense	\$ 1,066,092	\$ 1,048,245	\$ 1,145,722	\$ 30,128
<u>Recycling Ed./Composting Ops.</u>				
Recycling Education/Advertising/Supplies/FSR Grant	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Operational Costs/R&M	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Total Composting Ops	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ -
<u>Facilities O&M Expense</u>				
MRF (Recycling) Operations	\$ 117,000	\$ 107,500	\$ 109,500	\$ -
Transfer Station Operations	\$ 177,989	\$ 173,239	\$ 170,044	\$ -
Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$ 101,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 76,000	\$ -
HHW Cleanup Day	\$ 160,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -
Transportation System	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 118,816	\$ -
Vehicle & Equipment Maint. & Repair	\$ 228,000	\$ 218,000	\$ 293,000	\$ -
MSW Private Hauling Contracts	\$ 5,492,696	\$ 5,458,957	\$ 5,358,219	\$ (5,880) formula edit
Fuel Replenishment Program	\$ 1,045,120	\$ 966,119	\$ 1,143,943	\$ 1,608 formula edit
Solid Waste Disposal Costs	\$ 7,219,750	\$ 7,341,800	\$ 6,943,000	\$ -
Recycling Transport/Disposal Costs	\$ 45,600	\$ 48,140	\$ 172,725	\$ -
Sewage Sludge Disposal & Transport	\$ 334,750	\$ 422,500	\$ 501,600	\$ -
Other Disposal Costs	\$ 37,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 34,500	\$ -
CLF Monitoring and Maintenance	\$ 298,500	\$ 384,900	\$ 311,400	\$ -
Reuse Innovation Center	\$ -	\$ 520,000	\$ 620,000	\$ -
HCB Payments and Taxes	\$ 399,220	\$ 359,488	\$ 333,317	\$ -
Total Facilities O&M Expense	\$ 15,721,625	\$ 16,323,643	\$ 16,386,064	\$ (4,272)
TOTAL AGENCY EXPENSES	\$ 21,894,969	\$ 22,841,464	\$ 23,244,988	\$ 1,008
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,671,192	\$ 896,073	\$ 859,124	\$ (46,008)
DEBT SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVE TRANSFER OUT	\$ (895,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ (686,543)	\$ (895,000)	\$ (855,000)	\$ -
CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TRANSFER IN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER IN/(OUT)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BUDGETED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 89,649	\$ 1,073	\$ 4,124	\$ (46,008)