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## Staff Report

Item # \_\_\_\_\_

**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: Jarrell "JP" Prichard, Administrative Analyst**  
**Date: June 20, 2006**  
**Subject: Grandfathering of 60 Gallon Refuse Rate**

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**Background:**

As the Public Works department institutes a curbside recycling program in October 2006, existing customers will have more room in their refuse containers for their garbage. As there is currently a reduced service rate for customers using a sixty gallon containers (as opposed to a ninety gallon container) to encourage recycling, there is the potential that an indeterminate number of customers will choose to take advantage of the current sixty gallon rate. Should this event occur in any significant numbers, the resulting net decrease in fee revenue (\$60 per customer per year) will cause the curbside recycling program to become a financial burden on the refuse fund. Current plans are to phase out the 60 gallon containers over the years as they deteriorate and not allow any new customers to receive this service.

**Budget Impact:**

None; the resolution is purposed to maintain the integrity of the financial modeling of the program. Failure to limit the number of customers receiving the sixty gallon rate could potentially result in the loss of up to \$300,000 (\$60 x 5000 customers) annually.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Council by resolution limit the continued availability of the sixty gallon container rate to existing sixty gallon container customers.