

Atchison rates approved for 2023 increase

**(KAIR)--November- approval of a new Atchison Countywide sales tax, set to replace one that had controversially remained in place since 1993, is cited as the key reason for the City of Atchison- move to increase the residential solid waste fee by \$19.25 per month.**

**Atchison City Manager Amy Finch, on Monday, addressed the City Commission, outlining the financial effects the new tax means for the City.**

**In November, the County proposed a ballot measure that would repeal the 1993 sales tax and replace it with a 3/4 cent sales tax that would be fully retained by the County.**

**The ballot measure passed and the repeal and replace is expected to take effect April 1, 2023.**

**Following the presentation by Finch, and comments by Commissioners including their reluctance to make the increase, the resolution to do just that was approved unanimously.**

**The City notes that eligible low-income senior residents may qualify for a reduced rate of \$9.63 per month.**

**The sales tax set for replacement was approved by voters in 1993 to fund joint communications and solid waste.**

**Years of controversy surrounding the disbursement of the generated funds ultimately led to the Atchison County Commission- approval to give voters a chance to approve a replacement.**

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