

Council Resolution 186-2025 Fiscal Analysis

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Legislative Intent: This legislation proposes an amendment to the County's 2025-2034 Solid Waste Management Plan to include a statement supporting a study of a **Pay As You Throw (PAYT)** program. The resolution **does not** authorize implementation of PAYT; it indicates the County's intent to evaluate the concept.

ANALYSIS

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct cost associated with adopting this resolution. The legislation does not allocate funding or require immediate expenditure. However, if the resolution is passed, it would provide for a comprehensive study to assess a PAYT program. There would be a moderate cost for the study. Future costs would be dependent upon the study and potential implementation of a PAYT program. The (PAYT program is a waste management system where households are charged based on the amount of trash they produce, similar to utilities like water or electricity are billed.

According to the Department of Public Works, the estimated cost of conducting the PAYT feasibility study is approximately \$30,000. The study would be conducted by an external consultant with experience in PAYT services in jurisdictions that have explored implementation. No additional staffing or administrative support would be needed to manage the consultant's engagement. The FY2026 budget does not include appropriation for this study. Therefore, the study, if approved, would not be initiated before FY2027.

Other Notes:

According to the Administration, the concept of PAYT was considered in Amendment 1 to CR143-2025 but seemed to lack support. Subsequently, the County Executive introduced and the Council passed Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to CR 143-2025, which removed PAYT.