Council Meeting
May 13, 2003

Agenda Item: 17

May 7, 2003

To: Pat Kost, Clerk of the Council

Subject: Petition requesting City Council to reconsider their Resolution to implement a Utility/Water Bill Assessment fee and semi-automated Waste Collection System as adopted at Regular City Council Meeting of February 11, 2003.

The undersigned Petition Committee hereby submits the accompanying Petitions containing 1317 signatures of Lynchburg registered voters, obtained from all over the city, who are in opposition to: (1) being assessed a $5.00 Solid Waste fee on their Utility/Water Bill, (2) eliminating the $.45 Trash Tag and replacing it with the $.95 Tag, and (3) implementing the semi-automated Refuse Collection program. It should be noted, that of all the Lynchburg registered voters who were approached, an overwhelming majority (approximately 90%) of them signed the petition in opposition to City Council's majority of five that approved the subject Resolution.

Wherefore, based on this substantial indicator of the will of the voting residents of Lynchburg, this Petition Committee hereby requests that the City Council rescind their prior approval for a $5.00 monthly Solid Waste user fee, proposed to be collected through Utility Water billing and other types of collection, and that such a fee not be implemented without first giving the duly registered voters of Lynchburg an opportunity to have a city wide vote by ballot to approve or disapprove such an assessment.

Further, that City Council delay implementation of the semi-automated Waste Collection system until after a citywide vote of approval by the registered voters of Lynchburg.

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