

House Bill 753

*Relating to municipal solid waste management services contracts;
limiting the amount of a fee.*

- Under current state law, municipalities assess a wide range of fees on the landlords of apartment complexes that serve a variety of purposes.
- One such fee is a fee assessed when a person is granted a franchise to provide solid waste services to a particular area within a municipality.
- While many municipalities utilize a franchise fee structure to provide waste services, these fees tend to vary wildly between different areas of the state.
- In some cases, these fees significantly raise the cost of providing solid waste services to customers.
- **This legislation amends the Texas Health & Safety Code to cap the charge to provide franchised solid waste services at 2% of the gross receipts for the franchisee.**
- **This legislation also prescribes that a municipality cannot restrict the right of an entity to enter into a contract with only the municipality to provide these services.**