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**ALDERMAN MITCHELL AND ALDERMAN SCOTT JOIN TOGETHER ON A COST CAP FOR THE CITY'S  
GARBAGE SERVICE FEE INCLUDED IN THE 2016 BUDGET**

*Separate Fund Created Exclusively for the Garbage Collection Fee Revenue*

CHICAGO (October 30, 2015) – Alderman Greg Mitchell (7<sup>th</sup>) and Alderman Michael Scott, Jr. (24<sup>th</sup>) joined together to ensure the garbage collection fee included in the 2016 budget is capped at \$9.50 per household through 2019.

Beginning in 2016, the City will implement a first-ever garbage collection fee of \$9.50 per household per month, paid only by households receiving garbage collection services provided by the Department of Streets and Sanitation. As part of the 2016 budget that was approved by City Council on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 the City's garbage fee will be capped through 2019. The \$9.50 fee will cover approximately one quarter of the City's garbage collection costs and is similar to what residents living in buildings of five or more units currently pay for private collection.

“During the budget process, I considered the possibility of the garbage collection fee passing. At that time, I started collaborating with Alderman Scott on ways to protect our respective constituents. As a result, we came up with the idea of a cap to ensure the \$9.50 garbage collection fee will not increase over the next four years,” says Alderman Greg Mitchell.

Along with a fee cap, the 2016 budget requires that the City provide a separate and unique fund for the garbage fee revenue. The fund will receive all revenue from the proposed garbage fee and, in turn, cover a portion of garbage costs for the city-provided service. The separate and unique fund solely for garbage fee revenue will ensure that this revenue is being used only for garbage collection services, not other city expenses.

“Throughout this budget process, I've heard many of my residents say they want to make sure the garbage fee is actually going to pay for garbage services, not some other city service,” says Alderman Michael Scott, Jr. “I understand their concerns, and I am glad the City Council worked with the Administration to create a separate fund for the garbage fee revenue that is clearly earmarked to pay for garbage collection.”

The garbage fee takes effects January 1, 2016 and will be applied to the City's water bill for each household receiving streets and sanitation garbage collection services.

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