

A fee for garbage collection in La Crosse may stay on the shelf permanently. There was talk of making the city's new garbage service, fee-based. But the legislature could soon agree to force cities to offset any new fees with cuts in property taxes. Which probably changes things a bit, says mayor Tim Kabat

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The city has adopted many new fees for everything from parades to exotic dancers over the past couple of years to create new revenue in the face of state-imposed limits. Those fees have come to hundreds of thousands of dollars.