



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#17-0723**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** September 6, 2017

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Garbage  
and Trash Collection, Disposal, and Operating Costs (Solid Waste Rate)

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinances to increase the rates charged for Garbage and Trash Collection, Disposal, and Operating Costs.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale supports a full complement of modern solid waste services by providing residential household garbage, recycling, yard waste, and bulk trash collection. The City also provides household hazardous waste collection events, canal cleaning, public trash receptacles, and the City's Clean Team, working to preserve the unique beauty of our City streets and high-traffic areas.

Current solid waste rates were adopted in FY 2017 which included an increase of 6% over FY 2016 rates for single family residential units. Prior to FY 2017, the rate had remained unchanged since 2001 despite increases in costs over the prior 16-year period. A Sanitation Rate Study was conducted in FY 2017 by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., the City's procured consultant. The consultant developed a model that analyzed the revenues and expenses within the Sanitation Fund. Based upon this study, the recommendation is to increase the solid waste rate by 3% annually through FY 2022.

Additionally, it is recommended that the schedule of rates and charges be amended in the ordinance to reflect a single composite rate, rather than individual charges for collection, disposal and operating costs. This change does not impact the way the charge is presented to the customer on their monthly bill, but is a more accurate representation of the costs of service as collection, disposal and operating expenses vary year over year due to contractual and program changes.

The FY 2018 proposed budget includes a 3% increase in the solid waste rate, representing a \$0.92 monthly increase over the FY 2017 rates for single family residential units. The proposed fee schedule for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022 for a single family

residential unit is provided below:

### **Effect of Increase on Monthly Solid Waste Rates- Single Family Residential**



#### **Resource Impact**

There is no current fiscal impact to the City. The increased solid waste rate will result in an estimated annual increase of \$438,433 in Sanitation Fund revenues. The Fiscal Year 2018 sanitation fees are expected to generate a total of \$15,838,000 and is the basis for the FY 2018 Proposed Budget estimate.

#### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Internal Support Cylinder**, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

#### **Related CAM**

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#### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance

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