



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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2024

TITLE: First Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 24-47: Solid Waste – Charges Generally, of the City’s Code of Ordinances Adjusting the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Sanitation Collection, Disposal, and Operating Costs - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve on First Reading an Ordinance amending Section 24-47 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, to provide for alignment of charges for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and beyond, to sanitation cost of services including collection, disposal, and operating costs.

Background

The Sanitation Fund (Fund) supports a full complement of modern solid waste services including residential household garbage, yard waste, recycling, and bulk trash collection. The Fund also supports hazardous waste collection events, public trash receptacles, and the City’s Clean team, working to preserve the unique beauty of our City streets, beaches, and high-traffic areas.

A revenue sufficiency study was conducted in 2024 by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec), the City’s procured consultant. As part of the City’s annual budget development, Stantec utilized a model that analyzed the revenues and expenses within the Fund. The current ordinance established a 4% annual increase beginning in FY 2021 through FY 2024.

Recent market challenges and contract changes have increased collection costs and processing and disposal fees, requiring that the sanitation rates be increased to better reflect the true cost of services and to retain appropriate Fund reserves. The amended Ordinance proposes solid waste and disposal charges would be adjusted to a 5% annual increase, effective October 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, unless Commission takes action to increase, decrease, or eliminate the adjustment. For FY 2025, this would represent an increase of \$2.38 per month for a single-family residential home.

Sanitation Charges for Single-Family Residential

Single Family Residential	Rate FY2025	Rate FY2026	Rate FY2027	Rate FY2028	Rate FY2029	Rate FY2030
1 Cart	\$ 49.99	\$ 52.49	\$ 55.12	\$ 57.87	\$ 60.77	\$ 63.80

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact in FY2024. The estimated annual increase in revenue for FY 2025 is \$1,116,696.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Solid Waste Management Element
- Goal 1: The City of Fort Lauderdale shall provide or maintain solid waste management and collection programs to serve current and future needs.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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