



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

**#13-0908**

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

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

**DATE:** June 18, 2013

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances – Chapter 24, Article III, Sections 24-66 and 24-69 – Solid Waste Private Collection Services – Information Required from Licensed Private Collectors and Franchise Fee Payment Methodology.

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance on first reading amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Article III, Section 24-66 to require additional information from licensed private collectors, and Section 24-69, to change the franchise fee charge methodology for licensed private collectors.

**Background**

The City has historically based the commercial franchise fee payment on a gross receipts charge methodology. This methodology requires licensed private collectors to remit 17% of the collector's gross receipts (fee charged to customers for collection service) to the City on a monthly basis. As part of this process, staff surveyed several municipalities utilizing gross receipts as their charge methodology and found that the City's current fee is slightly lower on average. The proposed charge methodology is structured around solid waste volume as the basis for the franchise fee payment. This method for calculating a fee based on volume is done through cubic yards as a function of the container size and frequency of service. The cubic yard fee methodology allows for greater predictability in the budgeting process, avoids fluctuation in the hauler pricing, and ultimately stabilizes City revenues. The volume based approach also aligns with waste reduction and recycling goals within the Sustainability Action Plan by creating a metric for measuring reduction efforts.

**Resource Impact**

Revenues to the City are expected to remain at the current level. This results in \$832,222.14 for the remaining three months of this fiscal year (July – September).

FISCAL YEAR	FUND	SUBFUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUBOBJECT	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	409	01	Sanitation	PBS010504	Finance-Sanitation	J180	Private Collector Revenue	\$832,222.14
							<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$832,222.14</b>

Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Modified Ordinance

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