



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

**#13-1140**

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

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

**DATE:** September 3, 2013

**TITLE:** Second Reading – Ordinance Amending the City Code of Ordinances –  
Chapter 24, Article III, Section 24-69 – Solid Waste Private Collection  
Services – Licensed Private Collector Franchise Fee and Payment  
Methodology

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an Ordinance on second reading, amending the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Article III, Section 24-69, amending the franchise fee payment for licensed private collectors.

**Background**

The City has historically based the franchise fee payment for licensed private collectors on gross receipts charged methodology. The franchise fee is currently set at 17% of the total gross receipts collected by licensed private haulers for all solid waste collected, excluding recyclables. Franchise fees are remitted to the City on a monthly basis.

Changing the fee allows for timely adjustments to fluctuations in gross receipts and ultimately helps to stabilize City revenues. As the City continues recycling campaigns, along with other solid waste sustainability efforts, gross revenues of licensed private collectors are likely to decrease, requiring more frequent adjustments to the franchise fee percentage the City requires to be collected. Franchise fees are used to support solid waste programs within the City. The revised franchise fee percentage will be adopted by resolution through a companion commission agenda memorandum and considered at the second reading of the proposed ordinance modification.

The first reading of this ordinance was on the August 20, 2013, City Commission agenda (#13-1039).

**Resource Impact**

This change is necessary to preserve existing franchise fee revenue.

Related CAM(s): #13-1139 (Companion Resolution CAM)

#13-1039 (First reading)

Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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