



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

**#16-0957**

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

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

**DATE:** September 7, 2016

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Garbage  
and Trash Collection, Disposal, and Operating Costs

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance amending Section 24-47 of the City's Code of Ordinances to increase the rates charged for Garbage and Trash Collection, Disposal, and Operating Costs.

**Background**

The Sanitation Fund supports a full complement of modern solid waste services by providing residential household garbage, recycling, yard waste, and bulk trash collection. The fund also supports 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 user fees were adopted in FY 2001 and are based on a rate study that concluded in September of 2000. Due to a number of changes over the last 15 years in collection operations, disposal fees and contract expense, the Sanitation Fund is no longer receiving the revenues required to offset program costs, creating a deficit in the fund. One-time revenues related to the dissolution of the Resource Recovery Board and disposal-related loyalty payments have been used to make up for the revenue shortfall in the recent past.

A new rate study is underway for the Sanitation Fund to develop a formal rate model based on the City's existing programs and projected changes through FY 2018. This will become the basis to derive a revenue sufficiency model that is more reflective of the true costs of services.

The FY 2017 proposed budget includes a 6% increase in the solid waste collection and disposal charge, representing a \$1.74 increase over the FY 2016 rates for Single Family Residential units. A rate comparison for each customer category is provided below:

**Sanitation Rate**  
**Effect of Monthly Increase on Neighbors**

Single Family Residential	Current Rate	New Rate
1 Cart	28.95	30.69
2 Carts	51.47	54.56
3 Carts	72.41	76.75
Duplex Residential	Current Rate	New Rate
1 Cart	40.12	42.53
2 Carts	61.06	64.72
3 Carts	82.00	86.92
Triplex Residential	Current Rate	New Rate
1 Cart	49.71	52.69
2 Carts	70.65	74.89
3 Carts	91.59	97.09
4 Carts	112.53	119.28
Commercial/ Multifamily Residential	Current Rate	New Rate
1 Cart	40.84	43.29
2 Carts	81.68	86.58
3 Carts	122.52	129.87

**Resource Impact**

The increased Sanitation fee will result in an estimated annual increase of \$822,311 in Sanitation revenue. The Fiscal Year 2017 Sanitation fees are expected to generate \$14,604,557. This is the basis for the FY 2017 proposed budget.

**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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