



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

**#19-0539**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** July 9, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution to Establish Solid Waste Licensed Private Collector Franchise  
Fees at 25% - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution establishing the franchise fees for licensed private collectors of solid waste, at twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross receipts, or equivalent value, received by each licensed private collector within the City.

**Background**

Franchise fees are used to support solid waste programs within the City including household hazardous waste collection and disposal, bulk collection programs, recycling programs, clearing illegally dumped materials from lots, canal cleaning, debris removal in public spaces and streets, and code enforcement efforts.

The franchise fee is currently set at twenty-three percent (23%) of the total gross receipts, or equivalent value, received by each licensed private hauler for all solid waste collected, excluding recyclables. Franchise fees are remitted to the City on a monthly basis.

Effective October 1, 2013, the franchise fee increased from seventeen percent (17%) to twenty-three percent (23%) of gross receipts, or equivalent value, received by each licensed private collector. Periodically, rates need to be adjusted to prepare for changes in the solid waste programs and maintain the level of service for City residents. Increasing the franchise fee from twenty-three percent (23%) to twenty-five percent (25%) of gross receipts, or equivalent value, received by each licensed private collector, assists with stabilizing the City's revenues and supporting essential City services.

Staff has researched the franchise fee of other municipalities in the South Florida market. Fees range from between fifteen percent (15%) to twenty-five percent (25%) of gross receipts received. Based on the data gathered, City staff determined that the recommended increase to twenty-five percent (25%) of gross receipts is comparable to other cities in our region.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a positive current fiscal year impact in the estimated amount of \$35,000.

<b><i>Funds Available as of May 31, 2019</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>REVENUE AMOUNT</b>
001-FIN040301-A610	Other General Fund Revenues	Financial and Administrative/ Sanitation Franchise	\$6,100,000	\$4,160,059	\$35,000
				<b>TOTAL ►</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, 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*.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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