



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 22, 2014

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution amending Resolution 2013-178 to adjust the Storm Water Fee, Sanitary Sewer Charges and Solid Waste Collection Fees, providing for severability, and an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

This Resolution adjusts the Storm Water Fee, Sanitary Sewer Charges and the Solid Waste Collection Fees as follows:

Storm Water Fee - The funds from this increase will be segregated specifically for capital improvements as required by regulatory mandates or as determined by City engineers. To cover the cost of these improvements as well as other costs of the system, the Storm Water Fee needs to be adjusted from \$8.20 to \$8.80 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) per month.

Sanitary Sewer Charges - Miami-Dade County has informed the City of increased wastewater treatment costs and disposal charges that will take effect during Fiscal Year 2014-2015. In addition, The County has signed a new Consent Decree with the FDEP, USEPA and the US Department of Justice requiring the County and its municipalities to make changes to their sanitary sewer operating practices in order to insure compliance with State and Federal codes for the operation of sanitary sewer collection systems. This component of the fee increase will fund the development and implementation of a plan to comply with the new consent decree. Due to the extent of the required capital improvements, the City will finance the cost of the project. The debt service for that financing is the amount included as a component of this recommended fee increase. This Resolution adjusts the City's Sanitary Sewer Charges to cover these and other costs of the system from \$33.29 to \$35.26 per month minimum based on the measured use of water not exceeding 700 cubic feet, and from \$4.76 to \$5.04 per hundred cubic feet over 700 cubic feet.

Solid Waste Collection Fees - Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management is scheduled to increase the Solid Waste Disposal Fee that is charged to the City for solid waste and trash taken to the County's waste disposal site. This Resolution will pass through the Miami-Dade disposal fee increase and cover other operating costs by adjusting the Solid Waste Collection Fees charged to Coral Gables residential customers by approximately 2% as follows: Single family residences - annual fee from \$715 to \$729 and quarterly fee from \$199 to \$203; Auxiliary living units and apartments - annual fee from \$357 to \$364 and quarterly fee from \$100 to \$102; Duplexes - annual fee from \$1,430 to \$1,459 and quarterly fee from \$399 to \$407.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

| Date: | Resolution/Ordinance No. | Comments |
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| 08-27-13 | Resolution No. 2013-178 | Amended fee resolution |

APPROVED BY:

| Department Director | City Attorney | City Manager |
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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution