



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 16, 2015**

ITEM TITLE:

A resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste in the City of Coral Gables, Florida; describing the method of assessing solid waste costs against assessed residential property located in the City; determining the solid waste cost and the initial solid waste service assessments; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Pursuant to City Code Section 54.187, Solid Waste Collection Fees, the City of Coral Gables charges and collects fees for garbage and trash collection by the City of Coral Gables. The City Council has directed that any residential properties with delinquent Solid Waste Collection Fees in excess of \$850 that remain unpaid should be collected pursuant to the Uniform Method of Collection provided in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

The City previously adopted a Resolution of Intent (Resolution No. 2014-275) to use the Uniform Method of Collection for solid waste collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs. Additionally, the City adopted a Master Service Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2015-09), which outlines the procedures for the annual implementation of service assessments and their collection pursuant to the Uniform Method of Collection.

Pursuant to the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the first step for the imposition of the solid waste assessments is the adoption of an Initial Assessment Resolution. The Initial Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste provides certain findings and definitions, including a definition of Residential Property that includes only those with the delinquent Solid Waste Collection Fees in excess of \$850 that remain unpaid. The Initial Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste establishes the initial Solid Waste Cost and the apportionment of those costs to the affected Residential Properties, directs the preparation the assessment roll, establishes the public hearing for final adoption of the assessments on August 25, 2015 and directs the provision of notice thereof.

Delinquent property owners will have the ability to pay their delinquent fees in full on or before August 28, 2015, and be removed from the Assessment Roll. Additionally, the Commission can determine whether to provide a program of hardship assistance to City residents who are living below or close to the poverty level and are at risk of losing title to their homes as a result of the imposition of this assessment. This program would then be included in the Final Assessment Resolution.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution