



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 8, 2011**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a ten (10) year agreement with Miami-Dade County for the billing of sanitary sewage and stormwater utility service charges on behalf of the City.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On March 4, 1954, pursuant to Resolution No. 5370, the City entered into a Sewer Service Charge Collection Agreement with Consumers Water Company. Miami-Dade County is the successor to Consumers Water Company and has assumed all of their obligations, rights, and interest. Miami-Dade County, through its Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD), has been administering the billing and collection of the City's sanitary sewage and stormwater utility service charges simultaneously with the issuance of their bills for water service. Miami-Dade County and the City desire to enter into a ten (10) year contract so that WASD can continue to administer the billing and collection of sanitary sewage and stormwater utility service charges on behalf of the City. Such contract for services with governmental entity is exempt from the Procurement Code under Sec. 2-678(25). WASD has provided the City with their 2008-09 "Billing Cost by Bill Type" (Table 5-10) indicating that their cost of billing is significantly greater than the charges currently billed the City. Under this agreement Miami-Dade County will defer any rate increase until October 1, 2011 and will limit annual rate increases to a maximum of 5% per year until their rates billed are equal to their prior year cost of providing service. Currently WASD bills the City \$2.45 per bill with sewer and stormwater charges and \$0.87 per bill with stormwater charges for a total cost to the City of \$88,400 per year. During FY 2011-12 WASD will bill the City \$2.57 per bill with sewer and stormwater charges and \$0.84 per bill with stormwater charges for a total cost of approximately \$90,500, resulting in an amended rate increase of \$2,100 for the year. Funding for the billing of sanitary sewage and stormwater utility service charges are provided by the City's sanitary sewer and stormwater utility billings.

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Resolution
2. Proposed Agreement for the Billing of Sanitary Sewage and Stormwater Utility Service Charges
3. Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department's "Billing Costs by Bill Type" (Table 5-10) for FY 2008-09
4. Resolution No. 5370 dated March 4, 1954