

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-157

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO
FORMULATE A PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE
ANNUAL SOLID WASTE FEE AND EXPLORE
OTHER WASTE SAVING OPPORTUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables currently imposes an annual solid waste fee on residential properties to fund the provision of solid waste collection services; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has expressed interest in eliminating the annual solid waste fee as a means of providing financial relief to residents, while maintaining essential public services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need for a fiscally responsible and operationally sustainable plan that identifies cost-saving alternatives and new revenue sources before eliminating the fee; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes that one option would be to provide alternative waste options for green matter pickup, drop-off and reuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "**WHEREAS**" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to formulate a comprehensive plan for the elimination of the annual solid waste fee including but not limited to:


1. Assessing the financial feasibility and timeline for eliminating the solid waste fee;
2. Meeting with Commissioner Fernandez to investigate options to divert green waste from the waste stream through city-managed drop-off locations and innovative processing technologies (e.g., biochar production);
3. Exploring potential partnerships with neighboring municipalities (e.g., South Miami, West Miami, Pinecrest) for shared-use waste management facilities;
4. Reviewing alternative service models, including voluntary programs or incentive-based approaches for landscaper participation;
5. Evaluating how changes could affect capital budgets, the General Fund, and service equity between single-family and multi-family/commercial properties.

SECTION 3. The City Commission hereby directs that options and findings be presented to the City Commission no later than August 2025.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

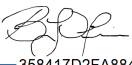
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2025.
(Moved: Fernandez / Seconded: Castro)
(Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Lara, Anderson, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: F-7)

APPROVED:


DocuSigned by:

53B880AB93824A5...

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

358417D2FA884FF...
BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

DocuSigned by:

9A595ED64D304E8...
CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY