



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste in the City of Coral Gables, Florida; determining the solid waste cost and the solid waste service assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing an effective date.

Resolution Number 2016-149, Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, was adopted on June 14, 2016, and Resolution Number 2016-207, Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution, was adopted on September 13, 2016. The Master Service Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09) was adopted on May 26, 2015.

Pursuant to the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, this resolution initiates the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll and sets the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-24 assessment rates for the City's curbside residential solid waste collection service to be imposed against all residential properties including condominiums, multi-family parcels of up to 4 dwelling units, and single-family parcels. The resolution also calls for a public hearing on these rates and directs noticing provisions. Further, any delinquent Solid Waste Collection Fees will be included as well. The City shall provide solid waste collection and disposal services to assessed Residential Properties located within the City upon the imposition of Solid Waste Service Assessments, as set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

There are three components included in this year's recommended fee increase:

1) The annual pass-through of County and Waste Management tipping fee increases:

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 disposal increase by 4.5% or approximately \$91,500, and Fiscal Year 2023-24's increase is estimated at 4.5% or approximately \$98,400. This component will adjust the fees as follows:

Early Payment General Residential - From \$770 to \$787 - (\$17 Increase)

Early Payment Auxiliary Units - From \$385 to \$394 - (\$9 Increase)

Early Payment Duplexes - From \$1,540 to \$1,574- (\$34 Increase)

Regular Payment General Residential - From \$902 to \$921 - (\$19 Increase)

Regular Payment Auxiliary Units - From \$451 to \$461 - (\$10 Increase)

Regular Payment Duplexes - From \$1,804 to \$1,842 - (\$38 Increase)

2) Temporary Labor for Light Duty and Sick Leave Coverage:

Due to the importance of the Solid Waste Service, there is a need to hire temporary help to offset those fulltime employees on light duty or out on sick leave. This will help to alleviate the use of overtime as well as maintaining service during absenteeism. There has not been an adjustment to the waste fee to cover temporary help for 7 years since Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The cost is estimated at approximately \$105,000 and will adjust the fees calculated in item 1 above as follows:

Early Payment General Residential - From \$787 to \$797 - (Add'l \$10)

Early Payment Auxiliary Units - From \$394 to \$399 - (Add'l \$5)

Early Payment Duplexes - From \$1,574 to \$1,594 - (Add'l \$20)

Regular Payment General Residential - From \$921 to \$931 - (Add'l \$10)

Regular Payment Auxiliary Units - From \$461 to \$466 - (Add'l \$5)

Regular Payment Duplexes - From \$1,842 to \$1,862 - (Add'l \$20)

3) Increase to Compensation for Holiday Worked:

Due to cost-of-living (COLAs) increases to salaries over the last number of years and the increases to salaries resulting in the compensation study in FY 2022-23, it has become necessary to adjust the annual budget for holiday related overtime. There has not been an adjustment to the waste fee to cover holiday overtime for 8 years since Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The holiday overtime cost for each holiday worked is estimated to be \$16,500. Staff works 11 of the 12 City holidays for a total annual need of \$189,400. The current holiday overtime budget is \$176,400 indicating a shortfall of \$14,800 in addition to the FY2022-23 shortfall of \$56,400. The fee adjustment related to this cost is as follows:

Early Payment General Residential - From \$797 to \$804 - (Add'l \$7)

Early Payment Auxiliary Units - From \$399 to \$403 - (Add'l \$4)

Early Payment Duplexes - From \$1,594 to \$1,608 - (Add'l \$14)

Regular Payment General Residential - From \$931 to \$938 - (Add'l \$7)

Regular Payment Auxiliary Units - From \$466 to \$470 - (Add'l \$4)

Regular Payment Duplexes - From \$1,862 to \$1,876 - (Add'l \$14)

All residential property owners will have the ability to pay their solid waste assessment in full on or before August 15, 2023 and be removed from the Assessment Roll.