



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 6, 2024
DEPARTMENT: Solid Waste
REQUESTER: Douglass Whitehead
TITLE: Conduct Public Hearing to Approve FY25 Solid Waste Disposal and System Assessment Rates

I. MOTION REQUESTED

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and approve a Resolution to establish the Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessment rates and other solid waste charges for tax year 2024 (FY24-25), approve the requested franchise hauler commercial rate adjustment of .73% CPI per contract allowances; approve requested .73% CPI residential rate increase for residential franchise hauler collection areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
2. Direct the special assessments to be placed onto the Lee County tax bill for collection by the Lee County Tax Collector per section 197.3632 Florida Statutes, for FY25 (the 2024 tax year) by the terms of the Resolution.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Conducts a public hearing to approve a Resolution establishing the Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessment rates and other charges for the 2024 tax year. Directs the special assessments be placed onto the 2024 Lee County tax bill by the terms of the Resolution.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A) Board Action and Other History

On December 17, 1986, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Lee County Resolution No. 86-12-11, that first established annual special assessments and rates for the Lee County Mandatory Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Program.

On December 23, 1997, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Lee County Resolution No. 97-12-23, first expressing its intent to utilize the Uniform Method of Collection of Special Assessments by the Lee County Tax Collector pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

Lee County Ordinances Nos. 11-27 and 96-09, as amended, require that the annual Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessment rates be adopted before August 15th of each year.

To meet this requirement, the Board establishes the rates and assessments and directs the special assessments to be placed onto the Lee County tax bill for 2024. This action complies with the requirements of Lee County Ordinance Nos. 11-27 and 96-09, as amended, and establishes the annual special assessments and rates by Resolution for the Mandatory Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessment for FY24-25

Rates have been determined and recommended through an independent rate study of the Solid Waste System's estimated annual financial requirements based on expenses, revenue, debt service and bond covenants.

B) Policy Issues

C) BoCC Goals

D) Analysis

Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., an outside consultant experienced in solid waste systems, particularly waste-to-energy systems, has conducted a system-wide review of the county's solid waste rate structure and provided staff with its proposed solid waste assessments and rates for FY24-25.

E) Options

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A)	Current year dollar amount of item:	No funding required.
B)	Is this item approved in the current budget?	N/A
C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?	N/A
D)	Is this Discretionary or Mandatory?	Mandatory Required by Ordinances Nos. 11-27 and 96-09, as amended
E)	Will this item impact future budgets? If yes, please include reasons in III(D) above.	No

F)	Fund: 40100 Program: Solid Waste Project: N/A Account Strings: N/A	
G)	Fund Type?	Enterprise
H)	Comments:	

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

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VII. FOLLOW UP

Following rate approval, the final assessment roll will be assembled and presented to the Board for certification at a Public Hearing to be heard before September 10, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Lee County Resolution	7/16/2024	Backup Material
Notice of Intent	7/16/2024	Backup Material
Solid Waste Rates	7/16/2024	Backup Material

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Solid Waste	Whitehead, Douglass	Approved	7/24/2024 - 12:51 PM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	7/24/2024 - 1:00 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	7/24/2024 - 3:29 PM
County Attorney	Swindle, Amanda	Approved	7/25/2024 - 1:19 PM
County Manager	Brady, Christine	Approved	7/26/2024 - 10:23 AM