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Strategic Initiative 7.2 - Monitor compliance with recycling ordinances and identify a roadmap for achieving a recycling goal of 75%



Commercial Collection Timeline

- **Prior to 1977:**
City collected and billed all solid waste services
- **1977 to 1994:**
BFI exclusively collected all city solid waste.
Billed by GRU
- **1994 to present:**
Non-exclusive franchise agreements for commercial solid waste

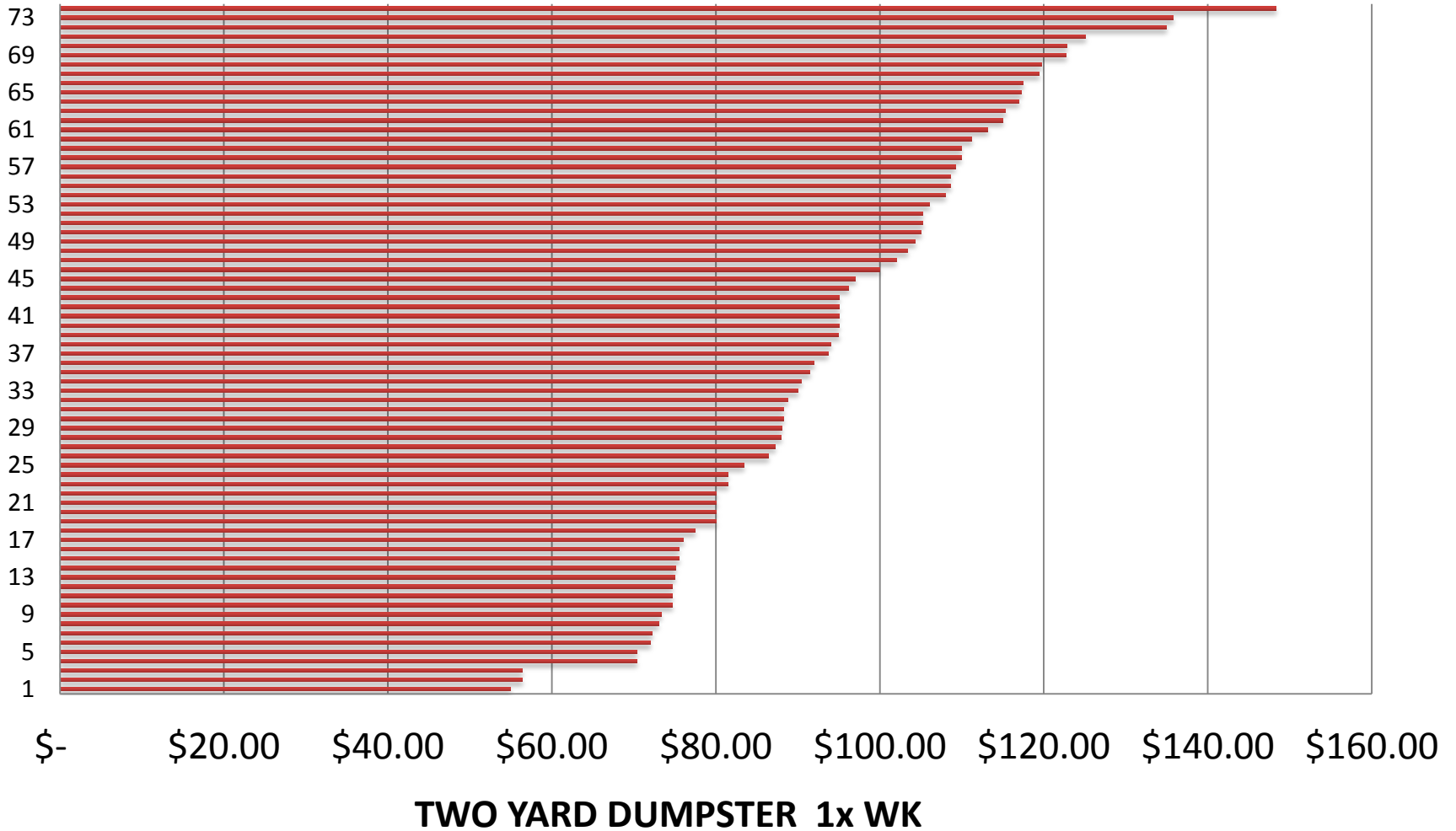
Solid Waste Concerns

- Differences in commercial solid waste contracts
- Obstacles to achieving the recycling goal of 75% by 2020

Commercial Contract Concerns

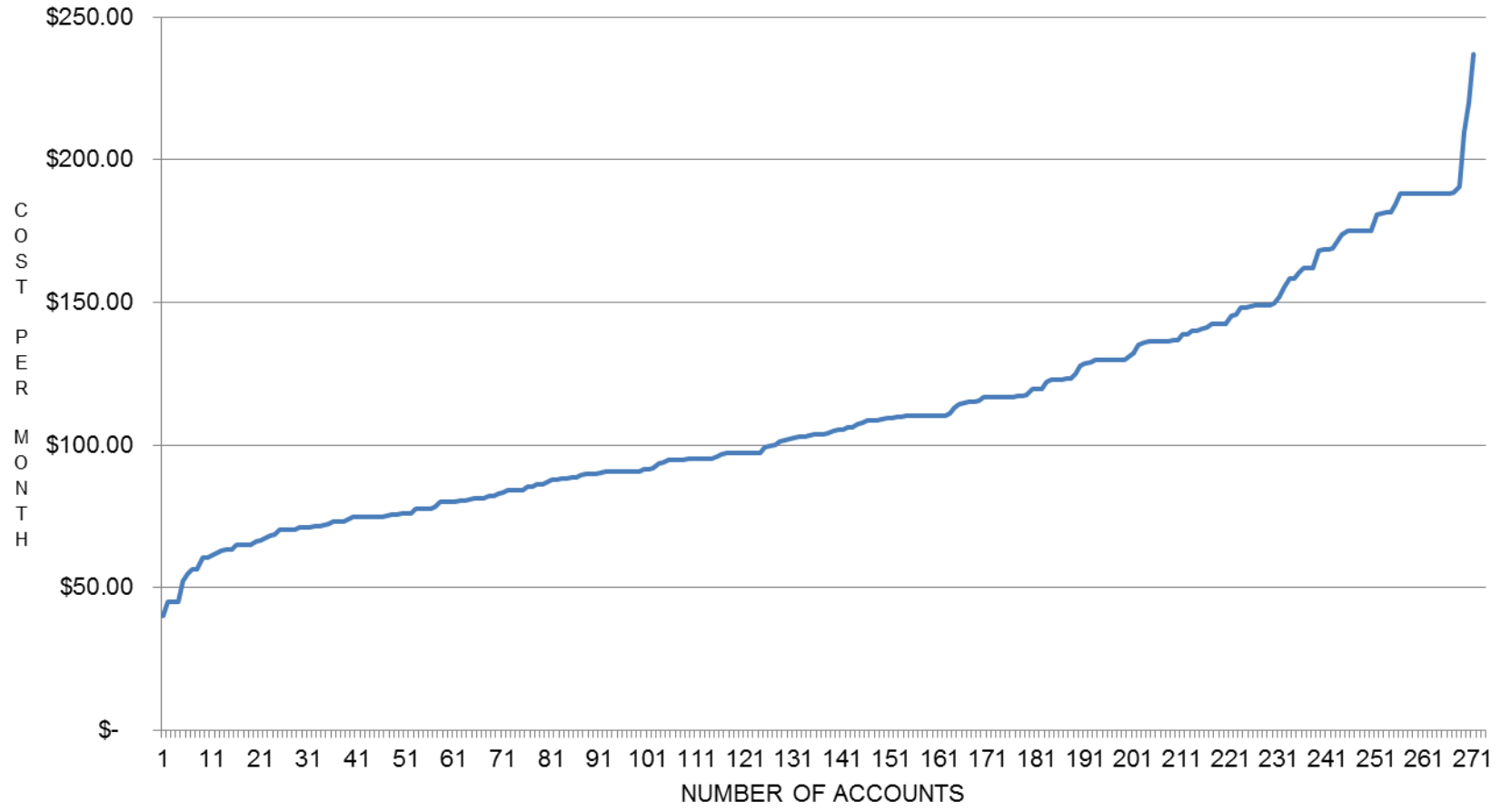
- Length of the Contract:
 - Hauler A 5 years with 5 year rollover
 - Hauler B 3 years with 3 year rollover
 - Hauler C 3 years with 1 year rollover
- Automatic renewal / Limited window to cancel
- Right of first refusal / Poor service
- Rates / Automatic increases not tied to cost
- Creates perpetual contracts

Pricing Differences

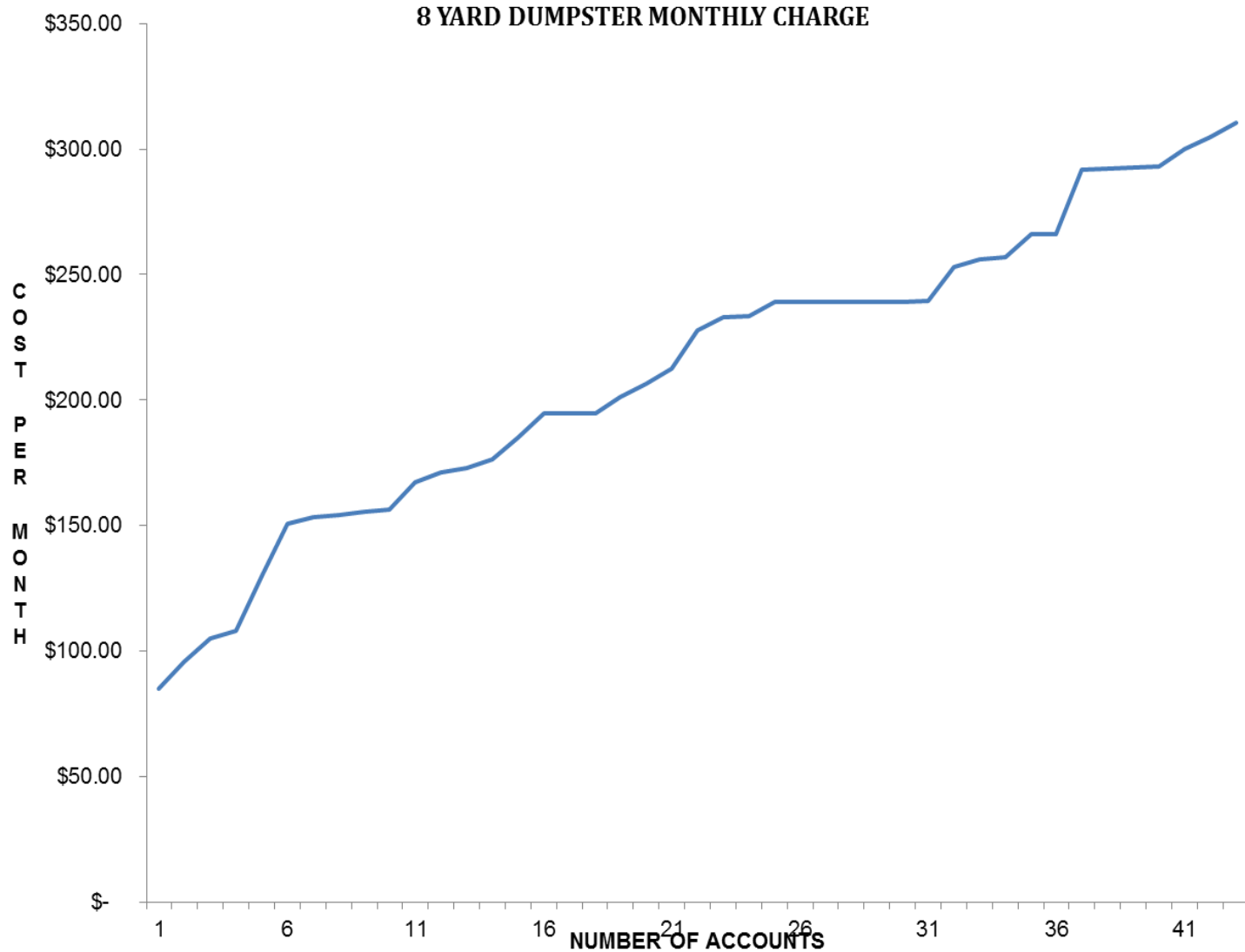


Pricing Differences

2 YARD DUMPSTER - 1X WEEK SERVICE - MONTHLY CHARGE

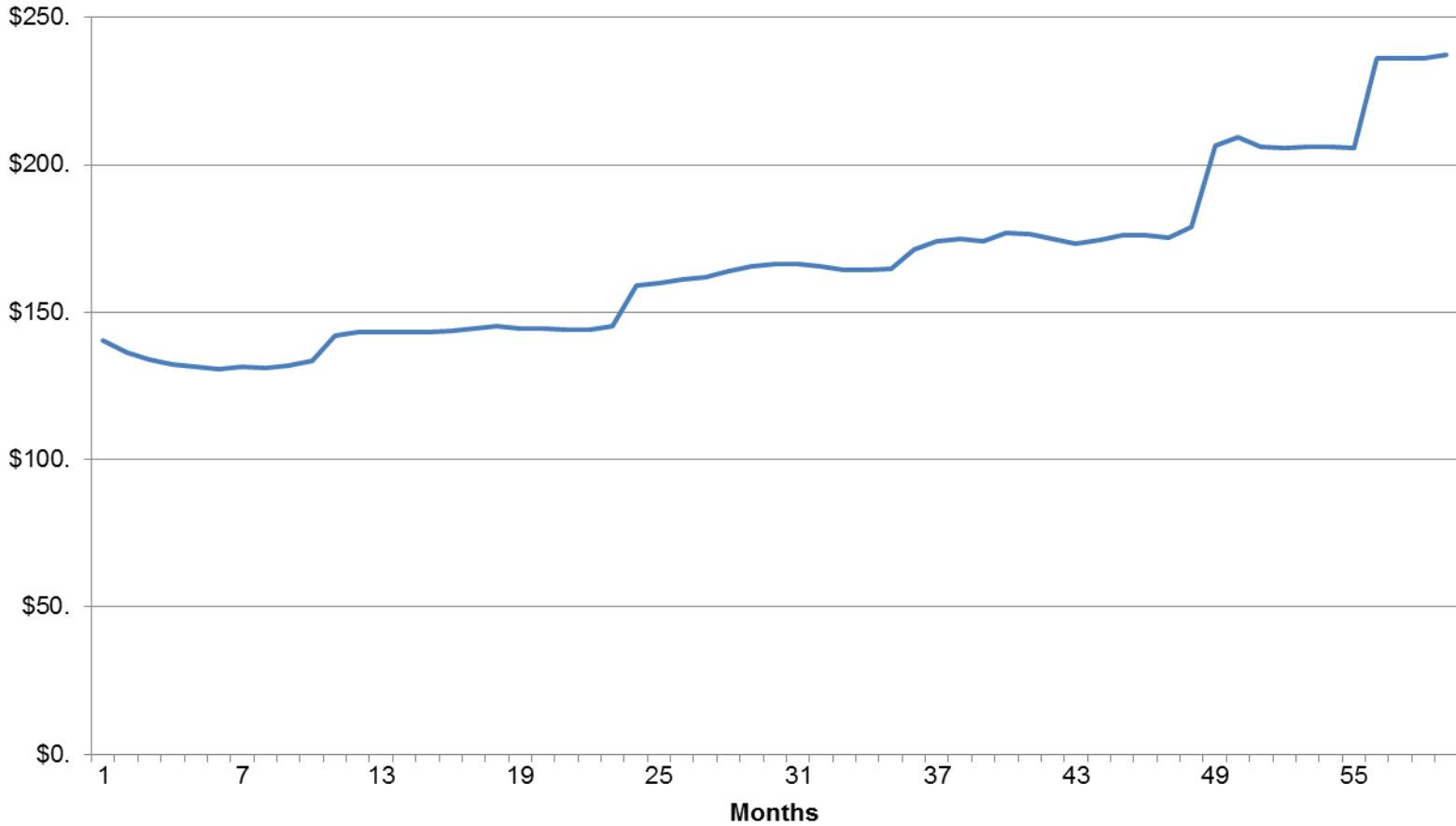


Pricing Differences



2 Yard Dumpster Rate Increase Example

G'ville Church's 5 yr Rate Increase



(Over a 60 Month Period)

Monthly Dumpster Rates in Alachua County Once A Week Service

	96 GAL. CART	2 YARD	4 YARD	6 YARD	8 YARD	ROLL-OFF
WALDO - WCA	\$22.08 month	\$69.75 month	\$138.37 month	\$191.23 month	\$210.00 month	
NEWBERRY - WPRO		\$48.01	\$96.45	\$144.37	\$192.49	
HAWTHORNE - WPRO	\$31.05	\$76.09	\$115.63	\$142.81	\$169.83	
HIGH SPRINGS - WCA		\$61.00	\$78.00	\$96.00	\$114.00	
MICANOPY - WPRO	\$30.42	\$81.54	\$116.17	\$141.69	\$179.07	
ARCHER - WPRO	\$31.70	\$65.02	\$81.05	\$109.72	\$138.48	
GAINESVILLE RATES	\$40 to \$84	\$40 to \$237	\$52 to \$291	\$82 to \$317	\$103 to \$412	per haul
	225 accounts	269 accounts	440 accounts	209 accounts	160 accounts	20 accounts

2013 ALACHUA SCHOOLS BID RESULTS						
WCA					\$100.45	
REPUBLIC					\$83.74	
WASTE PRO					\$102.18	
FLA. EXPRESS					\$242.48	
CWS					\$90.58	

Commercial Contract Provisions

Areas of concern:

- terms longer than one year;
- automatic renewals;
- requiring businesses to provide written notice of their intent not to renew;
- restricting businesses from buying additional services from another vendor;
- adding environmental fees, fuel surcharges or other ways increasing the quoted price for services during the term of the contract; and
- requiring a business requesting a change in their existing service level to sign a new multi-year contract.

Obstacles to 75% Recycling

- Low participation in multi-family settings
- Incomplete reporting of commercial recycling tonnages
- Materials not yet required to be recycled
- Expense of recycling service for all businesses, especially small generators

Obstacles to 75% Recycling

Options to increase participation in multi family settings

- Establish a minimum amount of recycling capacity per unit
- Require recycling containers next to each garbage dumpster
- Uniform signage & colors on garbage & recycling containers
- Require apt. mgt. to provide instructions to tenants annually
- May require split body dumpsters
- Valet service for recyclables
- Pay as you throw program for multi-family settings

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Options to improve reporting of commercial recycling tonnages

- Require franchisees to keep city commercial loads separate
- All collectors of recoverable materials to report tons to city
- Require chain stores to report recyclables to city
- Or require all commercial accounts to report their numbers to the city

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Options to handle materials not yet required to be recycled

- Require food scrap recycling from significant generators
- Require electronics recycling
- Require recycling of many C&D materials
- Significantly reduce the *de minimus* amount the ordinance exempts from recycling

Obstacles to 75% Recycling

Options to reduce expense of recycling service for all businesses, especially small generators

- Limit recycling charges to a specified fraction of MSW charges
- Availability of less expensive/less frequent recycling service
- Allow small businesses to be collected on residential routes
- Provide a free drop-off center for commercial recycling in city

Obstacles to 75% Recycling

- A further obstacle for all local governments is Florida Statute 403.7046 (3) which limits local governments' ability to regulate recycling.

Potential Options

- Maintain the status quo
- Provide some public education to businesses regarding hauler contracts
- Limit hauler contracts to one year by ordinance
- Put out an RFP for a nonexclusive franchise with set prices
- Create one or more exclusive franchises

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee:

- 1) hear a staff presentation; and
- 2) provide guidance to staff as appropriate.