



Legislation Text

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REFUSE RATES INCREASE (B)

Ordinance No. 0-09-67

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges by increasing fees and charges for residential solid waste and recyclables; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date in accordance with the schedule provided herein.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

SOLID WASTE DIVISION STAFF REPORT

The current rates for residential solid waste and recyclables have remained unchanged since 2004 when the current residential collection contract was renewed for the final time. Since that contract was due to expire on September 30, 2009, City and County staff issued a joint RFP for a new contract last spring, and after evaluating proposals they have negotiated a new seven-year contract with Emerald Waste Services.

The Solid Waste Division is an enterprise fund operating on a full cost accounting basis with funding derived primarily from solid waste collection rates and franchise fees. The Solid Waste Division requested a 10% increase in certain rates to bring the revenue back into line with the cost of the program for FY2010. Beginning in FY2012, the rates will increase by 5% every two years in accordance with the normal schedule for Appendix A increases in order to fully account for the increase in the cost of collection and disposal over the initial seven-year term of the contract with Emerald Waste Services.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

On October 1, 2009, the City Commission authorized the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance increasing certain rates for solid waste and recyclables by 10 percent effective December 1, 2009.