



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-903

Agenda Date: February 6, 2025

Department: Office of the City Attorney

Title: 2024-903 Solid Waste Collection Fees Ordinance (B)

Department: City Attorney

Description: Ordinance No. 2024-903

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by increasing residential solid waste collection fees; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Fiscal Note: A 20% increase in residential solid waste collection rates is estimated to generate an additional \$1 million in revenue for the solid waste fund this fiscal year.

Explanation: Staff proposes that the residential solid waste collection fees be increased by 20% in order to maintain the same level of collection service. Residential collection includes garbage, recycling, yard, and bulk waste. Increases in solid waste costs, primarily due to inflation, have required the solid waste expense budget to rely on fund balance. Costs have increased to a point where the fund balance can no longer support the expenditures, and either a level of service reduction is required or a fee increase is required. To continue to provide the current level of service and meet Zero Waste Goals, it is recommended that the solid waste fee schedule in Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances be adjusted to reflect inflationary impacts and to reduce the amount of fund balance that must be utilized to balance the budget. At the General Policy Committee meeting on December 12, 2024, the City Commission directed that the City Attorney's Office prepare this ordinance. This ordinance requires two readings and will become effective immediately upon approval at second reading. However, the fee increases will become effective on April 1, 2025.

Business Impact Estimate:

This ordinance is exempt under Florida Statute 166.041(4)(a). (See Attached)

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.