

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: May 19, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Solid Waste
REQUESTER: Rebecca Rodriguez
TITLE: Conduct a Public Hearing to Approve Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessment Rates for FY27 through FY30

I. MOTION REQUESTED

- A. Conduct a Public Hearing and approve a Resolution to:
 - 1. establish the Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessment rates and other solid waste charges for tax year 2026 (FY27), and establish rates for FY28, FY29, and FY30, capped at a 5% annual increase;
 - 2. direct the special assessments to be placed onto the Lee County 2026 tax bill for collection by the Lee County Tax Collector per section 197.3632 Florida Statutes, for FY27, and each year following, up through FY30, by the terms of the Resolution;
 - 3. approve the requested FY27 franchise hauler commercial rate adjustment of 1.39% CPI per contract allowances; approve FY27 requested 1.39% CPI residential rate increase for residential franchise hauler collection areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- B. Authorize County Manager or Designee to execute any necessary contract amendments for approved Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessments.
- C. Authorize staff to prepare amendments to Chapter 25 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances to eliminate the requirement for an annual public hearing to adopt rates and certify the tax roll, provided that rates are not increased above the amount authorized by prior resolution and to bring those amendments to the Board for consideration.

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, including hauler collection fees, for FY27 through FY30, capped at a 5% annual increase, and directs that the approved special assessments be included on the Lee County property tax bills. Following this approval, staff will finalize the assessment roll, which will be presented to the Board for certification at a separate Public Hearing to be held before September 10, 2026.

This item also authorizes staff to prepare amendments to Chapter 25 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances to eliminate the requirement for an annual public hearing to adopt rates and certify the tax roll, provided that rates are not increased above the amount authorized by resolution, and to bring those amendments to the Board for consideration at a future public hearing.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

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, which have been codified into Lee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 25, Article VII, 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, with the exception of special assessments imposed against Governmental Property, directs the special assessments to be placed onto the Lee County tax bill for 2026. Assessments imposed against Governmental property will be separately invoiced via first class mail to the owner of each affected parcel of Governmental property. This action complies with the

requirements of Lee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 25, Article VII, and establishes the annual special assessments and rates by Resolution for the Mandatory Solid Waste Disposal and Solid Waste System Assessment.

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.

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	Solid Waste Operations
Comments:	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.

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, 2026.

Is this a revenue or expense item?
Is this Discretionary or Mandatory? Mandatory
Will this item impact future budgets? No
Program: Solid Waste
Project: N/A
Account Strings: N/A
Fund Type? Enterprise

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

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