



Agenda Item Summary

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Meeting Date: 7/9/2024

PLACEMENT: Consent

TITLE:

SOLID WASTE INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to adopt the Initial Assessment Resolution for fiscal year 2025 (FY25) and approve notification to affected property owners advising of the solid waste assessment rate and public hearing.

DEPARTMENT: Utilities and Solid Waste

PREPARED BY: **Name:** Greg Schommer
Title: Solid Waste Administrator

REQUESTED BY: Samuel Amerson, P.E., Utilities & Solid Waste Director

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

Article 3, Chapter 151, General Ordinances, Martin County Code sets a two-step process for creating and imposing assessments in Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBUs). The first step of that process is adoption of an Initial Assessment Resolution. Residential solid waste collection service for each single-family dwelling unit is payable pursuant to a special assessment that includes: collection, disposal, and administrative/contingency/discount fees. The assessment is collected by the Tax Collector pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act and deposited into the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Utilities and Solid Waste Department staff administers payment to the franchisees.

On January 12, 2021, the Board approved the current franchise agreement with Waste Management allowing for annual rate CPI adjustments ranging from a minimum of 2% to a maximum of 5%.

ISSUES:

The single-family dwelling unit rate for FY25 for the Solid Waste MSBU services by Waste Management is proposed to be \$444.69, and is comprised of \$300.96 for collection, \$115.53 for disposal costs, and \$28.20 for administrative costs. The change from the amount assessed in the prior year, \$421.65, is due to cost increases in the solid waste collections and disposal, as well as

increased volume of solid waste generated per household.

Approval is required for the first-class mail notification and legal advertising for a public hearing to be held on August 6, 2024 to certify the special assessment roll to the Tax Collector and to adopt the Final Assessment Resolution. The notice to the homeowners informing them of the public hearing will be mailed out before July 16, 2024.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

This item has been reviewed for legal sufficiency to determine whether it is consistent with applicable law, has identified and addressed legal risks, and has developed strategies for legal defensibility.

Chris Traber, the County's Special Assessment Counsel, has reviewed the resolution and the agenda summary and confirmed that the form of each is proper.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION

Move that the Board adopt the Solid Waste Initial Assessment Resolution for FY25.

Move that the Board approve the Solid Waste Assessment for Waste Management franchise area for the MSBU at \$444.69 covering the budget period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Move that the Board approve the first-class mail notification and legal advertising for the August 6, 2024 public hearing.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Pull this item from the Consent Agenda and direct staff accordingly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION

Assessment is the mechanism for funding solid waste and recyclable materials collections and disposal/processing.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer / Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract / Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant / Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution | |

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