



Board of County Commissioners

2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996

Agenda Item Summary

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Meeting Date: 7/30/2019

PLACEMENT: Consent

TITLE:

SOLID WASTE INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR FY2019/2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to adopt the Initial Assessment Resolution for fiscal year 2020 (FY20) 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:** Allen Schommer
Title: Solid Waste Administrator

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

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

Chapter 151, Article III, General Ordinances, Martin County Code sets a two-step process for creating and imposing assessments in MSBU's. 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/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 June 26, 2007, the Board approved franchise agreements for Waste Management and Indiantown Company. On May 4, 2010, the Board approved the assignment of the franchise agreement from Indiantown Company to Waste Management. These agreements allow for an annual adjustment of a maximum of 5% and which includes CPI and fuel against the monthly collection rate per household.

ISSUES:

The single-family dwelling unit rate for FY20 for the Solid Waste MSBU services by Waste Management is proposed to be \$314.37, and is comprised of \$192.96 for collection, \$100.39 for

disposal costs, and \$21.02 for administrative costs. This is an increase of \$5.27, or 1.71%, as compared to the current rate of \$309.10. The increase reflects the higher costs of collection and disposal of residential waste.

Approval is required for the first-class mail notification and legal advertising for a public hearing to be held on August 27, 2019 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 before August 6, 2019.

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 FY20.
Move that the Board approve the Solid Waste Assessment for Waste Management franchise area for the MSBU at \$314.37 covering the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.
Move that the Board approve the first-class mail notification and legal advertising for the August 27, 2019 public hearing.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Pull this item from the Consent Agenda and provide additional direction to staff.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

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