

Memorandum



Date: August 31, 2012

To: Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Commissioner – District 12

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: City of Sweetwater TRIM Notice

As you know, the City of Sweetwater has decided to proceed with the waste collection and recycling services of the City through a private vendor (see attached). The Public Works and Waste Management Department (PWWM) will continue to collect from approximately 2,200 residents of the City of Sweetwater the household waste collection fee of \$439 for Fiscal Year 2012-13 on the upcoming property tax bills and remit the funds to the City of Sweetwater. This arrangement was requested by the City of Sweetwater and agreed to by PWWM.

Unfortunately, this fee was inadvertently omitted from the TRIM notices that were mailed last week. The County will re-send those notices with the waste collection fee included. While this will provide the funding necessary for the City of Sweetwater to continue to provide this service, it may generate new calls to your office and to 3-1-1. We will provide you and your staff with talking points on this topic to assist with these potential calls.

If you have any questions, please contact PWWM Director Kathleen Woods-Richardson at 305-375-2960.

Attachment

c: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members
Board of County Commissioners
Honorable Pedro A. Garcia, Property Appraiser
Alina T. Hudak, County Manager/Deputy Mayor
Kathleen Woods-Richardson, Director, Public Works and Waste Management Department
Henry Sori, Director, Community Information and Outreach
Lazaro Solis, Assistant Director, Property Appraiser



City of Sweetwater

January 10, 2012

Kathleen Woods-Richardson, Director
Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department
2525 NW 62nd Street, 5th Floor
Miami, Florida 33147

Dear Ms. Woods-Richardson:

This letter will serve as a formal notification to Miami-Dade County regarding the privatization of waste collection and recycling services in the City of Sweetwater. Furthermore, the letter shall itemize the responsibilities and desires of the City with relation to this privatization effort.

- The City of Sweetwater wishes to terminate County waste collection and recycling services by February 29th, 2012, citywide.
- The City shall collect residential solid waste and recycling through a private contractor.
- The City desires to collect residential solid waste and recycling through a private contractor in the area annexed from Miami-Dade County in December of 2010, as well as in the pre-annexation City of Sweetwater.
- The City desires that the Miami-Dade Tax Collector collect that fees and taxes assessed from solid waste collection and recycling.
- The City desires that fees and taxes assessed from solid waste collection and recycling in the City of Sweetwater be amended from Miami-Dade County to City of Sweetwater.
- The City desires to retain both waste and recycling carts and will discuss the option of purchasing with Miami-Dade County.
- The City desires to extend the interlocal agreement that allows waste disposal in the annexation area beyond the year 2015.
- The City agrees that all solid waste and recycling collected in the City of Sweetwater shall be delivered to a Miami-Dade County Solid Waste System Facility.

Please call me at 305-221-0411 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Manuel L. Maroño, Mayor

Cc: Alina Hudak, Deputy Mayor, Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor
Cc: Paul Mariello, Deputy Director, Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department