

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(V)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: (Public Hearing: 9-3-25)
September 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance approving, adopting,
and ratifying non-ad valorem
assessment rolls, rates, and
assessments for the Solid Waste
Collection Service Area of
Miami-Dade County, Florida,
commencing October 1, 2025

This item was amended at the July 1, 2025 BCC meeting as stated in the Mayor's memorandum.

The accompanying ordinance was prepared by the Solid Waste Management Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: September 3, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Ordinance Adopting and Ratifying Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rolls, Rates and Assessments for Residential Solid Waste Collection Fees

This item was amended at the July 1, 2025, Board of County Commissioners meeting. The Mayor's memo and Exhibit A have been amended to reflect a 1% rate increase in the waste collection fee. References to the previously proposed 2% increase based on the Consumer Price Index, as well as the option to maintain the current annual fee of \$697, have been removed from the item.

Executive Summary

The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is committed to providing reliable and efficient waste collection and recycling services to over 350,000 households in Miami-Dade County. This item provides the Board of County Commissioners (Board) with the option to adjust the Residential Solid Waste Collection Fees (Collection Fee) for FY 2025-26, as outlined below. This memo provides one option presented by the administration for the household waste collection fee for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which includes a 1% increase by Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment.

Last year, the Board directed an annual CPI adjustment for the waste collection fee according to the CPI for All Urban Consumers, South Region, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Following this policy, the Board may consider an increase of 1% or \$0.07 per pickup, bringing the total from \$697 to \$704 per household. This adjustment will fund the Collection Fund for FY 2025-26 for the next two years, maintaining reserves. The goal is to support rising system costs through small, incremental increases, while ensuring long-term sustainability to the system. *While the 1% increase will maintain services and fund the Collection Fund, this adjustment does not fully support rising system costs and steeper increases will be required in the future.*

Recommendation

Last year, the Board of County Commissioners passed an ordinance that directed the Administration to adjust the fee according to CPI every year. In accordance with the Board's recommendation last year, my administration recommends the 1% CPI adjustment, an increased annual amount of \$7 or \$0.58 per month to the County's current waste collection fee from \$697 to \$704 per household charged on the Tax Bill. This 1% CPI adjustment is projected to generate an additional \$2.4 million in annual revenue. By proactively addressing financial challenges through incremental fee adjustments, the Department avoids steep increases and disruption to services by continuing to invest in innovative waste management solutions that benefit our community, while preserving reserves. The proposed adjustment aligns with the County's commitment to fiscal

responsibility and environmental sustainability, while the department continues to seek revenue-generating opportunities such as cardboard disposal.

A fee increase of 1% will allow the department to continue providing the level of service that residents expect and deserve. This increased fee amount will be reflected in the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget and the increase, due to the timing for advertising and deadlines for the development of the final Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice, must be adopted through this item.

Delegation of Authority

This item authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, contingent upon Board approval of non-ad valorem rates, to place the non-ad valorem assessments on the 2026 TRIM notice and real property tax bills.

Scope

The Collection Fee will impact unincorporated Miami-Dade County and municipalities that are within the Service Area.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Should the Board adopt the 1% fee increase, it would be paid by the property owners and other customers within the Service Area. The estimated revenue generated by the 1% increase is approximately \$2.4 million, which would support the continuation of existing services. The proposed increase would raise the County's current waste collection fee from \$697 to \$704 per household, charged on the Tax Bill.

Social Equity Statement

The proposed ordinance is not anticipated to have any measurable social equity benefit or burden because all Service Area customers will be impacted equally.

Background

DSWM uses a non-ad valorem fee to fund the bulk of its Collections Operation. The fee currently totals \$ 697 per household per year for the typical full-service household. Services funded through this fee include, but are not limited to, twice per week garbage collection, two bulky waste pickups per year, seven days per week access to all thirteen (13) neighborhood trash and recycling centers (TRC), Waste Code Enforcement, Bulky Collection, and every other week curbside recycling.

On July 16, 2024, the Board approved Ordinance No. 24-77, increasing the household Fee by \$150 for FY 2024-25. The Board also recommended that future adjustments be based on the annual CPI, which is 2% this year for the South Urban Consumers District.

In order for the recommended non-ad valorem assessment to be included in the TRIM notice that is mailed to all property owners in August, the assessment must be submitted to the Property Appraiser's Office by July 10, 2025. In addition, the Board is required to adopt its non-ad-valorem assessment roll at a public hearing held between January 1st and September 25th. In accordance with Section 197.3632 of the Florida Statutes, the County is required to publicly notice the public hearing considering the adoption of the new non-ad valorem assessment rolls, which includes

notice by first-class mail to each person owning property subject to the assessment, and publication in a newspaper generally circulated within Miami-Dade County.

At least twenty (20) days before the public hearing, all property owners within the Service Area will receive notice by first-class mail with the following information:

- Purpose of the assessment.
- Total amount to be levied against each parcel.
- Unit of measurement to be applied against each parcel to determine the assessment.
- Number of such units contained within each parcel.
- Total revenue the local government will collect by the assessment.
- A statement that failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in a loss of title.
- A statement that all affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the local governing board within 20 days of the notice.
- Date, time, and place of the hearing.

The published notice shall contain the following information:

- Name of the local governing board;
- Geographic depiction of the property subject to the assessment;
- Proposed schedule of the assessment;
- The fact that the assessment will be collected by the tax collector; and
- A statement that all affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and file written objections with the local governing board within twenty (20) days of the notice.

Households receive 104 scheduled garbage pickups annually, based on twice-weekly service. Under the proposed adjustment, the cost per pickup would increase by just \$0.07 for a 1% rate increase. This modest adjustment is intended to help maintain essential waste collection services and offset rising operational and inflation-related costs affecting the system.

The potential adjustment to the household waste collection fee for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025-26 is reflected in the table below, outlining the estimated impact of the proposed increase, both annually and on a per pick-up basis.

Proposed Increase	Annual Impact	Proposed Fee	Weekly Impact (Per Pickup)
1%	\$7	\$704	\$0.07

The Administration remains committed to providing the high level of service that our residents expect and deserve, while keeping costs as low as possible. We continue to seek new approaches to contain expenses, enhance efficiency, remain competitive, and accelerate progress toward a more sustainable waste system.

Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
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Attachment

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Coley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.


Roy Coley
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer

Memorandum



Date: June 24, 2025

To: Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator

From: Aneisha Daniel, PhD 
Department of Solid Waste Management

Subject: Request to Process Late Departmental Agenda Item

The Department of Solid Waste Management is requesting that the following item be placed on the July 1, 2025, Board of County Commissioners (Board) Agenda in order to satisfy statutory requirements:

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND RATIFYING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS, RATES, AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE AREA OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EXCLUSION FROM THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

If the Board decides to adopt an increase to the Department of Solid Waste Management non-ad valorem Collection Fee, the newly adopted fee would be included in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice provided to property owners by the Property Appraiser. The proposed Public Hearing date for this item is September 3, 2025, which makes these items time-sensitive.

Please process the items notwithstanding that the 4-Day Rule could be applied to them.


Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee
Signature

Roy Coley
Print Name


Approved by Director of Legislative Affairs
Signature

Demetria Henderson
Print Name

c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, Successor County Attorney
Gerald K. Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
Jess M. McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(V)

Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS, RATES, AND
ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
SERVICE AREA OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025; PROVIDING
SEVERABILITY, EXCLUSION FROM THE CODE, AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, as provided in chapter 15 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (“Code”), the County provides solid waste services, including the collection, disposal, and recycling of household garbage, trash, and bulky waste, within the Solid Waste Collection Service Area in Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Implementing Order 4-68 provides that special assessments in the Solid Waste Collection Service Area should be levied on a per household unit basis for residential customers and on a per-unit basis for commercial and multi-family customers; and

WHEREAS, the benefits provided by these special assessments to the affected properties include, but are not limited to, the availability of facilities to properly and safely dispose of solid waste, the long term monitoring of the facilities, a potential increase in value to the affected properties, better service to owners and tenants, and the enhancement of environmentally responsible use and enjoyment of such properties; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee caused rates to be prepared and filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and pursuant to notice published and mailed to all property owners within the Solid Waste Collection Service Area, this Board held

a public hearing on this date upon the rate submitted by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, and all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present their objections, if any, with respect to their assessments of such rate; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, this Board found and determined that the assessments shown on the assessment rolls were in proportion to the special benefits accruing to the respective parcels of real property appearing on said assessment rolls; and

WHEREAS, each property owner was notified that the special assessments, when finally approved and confirmed pursuant to section 15-28 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, will be placed on the November 2025, and subsequent real property tax bills and that, if these special assessments are not paid when due, the properties on which the special assessments are levied will be respectively subject to the same collection procedures as for ad valorem taxes, including possible loss of title,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. This Board hereby adopts and incorporates the facts contained in the accompanying memorandum and the foregoing recitals as if stated herein.

Section 2. This Board intends to use the uniform method of collection of non-ad valorem assessments as authorized in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, for collecting the non-ad valorem assessments levied within Miami-Dade County for the Solid Waste Collection Service Area, including, but not limited to, collection, recycling, and disposal of solid waste. Legal descriptions of such areas to the assessments, units of measurement, and the amount of the assessment are attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. This Board hereby also incorporates by reference: (1) all previously adopted ordinances establishing

and/or amending the services and service areas described in Exhibit A; and, (2) any resolutions adopting preliminary or amended assessment rolls for the service areas described in Exhibit A.

Section 3. After duly advertised public hearing, this Board has received written objections, if any, and heard testimony from all interested persons and, based on the benefit to the properties described in Exhibit A, hereby determines that the levies of the assessments are needed to fund the cost of providing collection, recycling, and disposal of solid waste within Miami-Dade County, Florida. Therefore, this Board adopts the non-ad valorem assessments rolls, rates, and units of measurements as referenced in Exhibit A.

Section 4. All assessments made upon said assessment rolls shall constitute a special assessment lien upon the real property so assessed from the date of the confirmation of such assessments, in accordance with the provisions of section 15-28 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Section 5. All assessments shall be payable in accordance with Section 15-24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. As authorized by Section 197.363, Florida Statutes, all special assessments levied and imposed under the provisions of the ordinance previously approved by the Board shall be collected, subject to the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, in the same manner, and at the same time as ad valorem taxes. Unless paid when due, such assessments shall be deemed delinquent, and payment thereof may be enforced by means of the procedures provided by the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and/or Section 15-24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Section 6. Within 30 days from the effective date of this resolution, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is directed to deliver to the Tax Collector a copy of the assessment roll to be filed and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Section 7. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, this ordinance shall supersede all enactments of this Board including, but not limited to, ordinances, resolutions, implementing orders, regulations, rules, and provisions in the Code of Miami-Dade County in conflict herewith; provided, however, nothing in this ordinance shall amend or supersede the requirements of Ordinance 07-45, as amended.

Section 8. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 9. All provisions of this ordinance shall become effective 10 days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon override by this Board.

Section 10. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall be excluded from the Code of Miami-Dade County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

Jorge Martinez-Esteve

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EXHIBIT A
Miami-Dade County
Summary of Folios, Units, and Rates in Solid Waste Collection Service Area

CALCULATION FOR YEAR 2026								
DISTRICT	DISTRICT DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF FOLIOS	NUMBER OF UNITS (PER HOUSEHOLD OR PER LIVING UNIT FOR MULTIFAMILY)	CURRENT RATE	VALUE	PROPOSED FEE INCREASE	PROPOSED RATE	PROPOSED VALUE
T0004	GARB, TRASH, TRC, RECYCLE	334,898	344,854	697	\$240,363,238	7	\$ 704	\$ 242,777,216
T0013	GARBAGE & RECYCLING	762	3,147	279	\$878,013	3	\$ 282	\$ 886,856
T0034	DUMPSTER-GARB, TRASH, TRC	5,436	5,436	538	\$2,924,568	5	\$ 543	\$ 2,953,977
T0041	TRASH & RECYCLING CENTER	1,149	1,159	177	\$205,143	2	\$ 179	\$ 207,206
T0049	MULTI-CASES FAMILY	51	96	697	\$66,912	7	\$ 704	\$ 67,584
T0057	GARBAGE, RECYCLING & TRC	40	40	456	\$18,240	5	\$ 461	\$ 18,423
	TOTAL	342,336	354,732	2,844	\$244,456,114			\$ 246,911,262