

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: October 3, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Chief Grimm, Interim City Manager

Subject: Request of JJs Waste and Recycling – Darren Batson

Background: On February 7, 2023, JJ's Waste and Recycling requested the City pay for a cost increase passed along to them from the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The cost per ton increased in December from \$72.70 to \$95.00 (an increase of 22.30/ton). The Council approved an 8.3% increase in Fuel and labor costs (Landfill/CPI-U).

Based on the discussion with JJs, Orange County sent the letter dated September 1, 2023, stating that their landfill and transfer station disposal rate will increase effective October 1, 2023. JJ's estimates the average cost increase to be 12% for this year.

We currently do not have an active Solid Waste Committee to review and recommend options.

Staff Recommendation: Solid waste and recycling are charged as a non-ad valorem assessment on the property tax bill. It cannot be changed once the TRIM notice comes out in July. That would mean the residents will not see this increase until their next tax bill in 2025. However, either the City, JJs, or both will have to absorb the cost for this year. The City Manager requests that the Council discuss the increase based on the contractor's presentation and direct the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate with JJs for this new year's cost increase.

Suggested Motion: I move we direct the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate the cost increase with JJs Waste and Recycling.

Alternatives: Reject JJ's request for additional funding.

Fiscal Impact: 12% increase from the General Fund

Attachments: Request Letter Orange County to JJ's