

TOWN COMMISSION MEETING

April 22, 2025, at 6:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION & ACTION

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF DUNDEE'S RECYCLING PROGRAM SOLID WASTE

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Staff has recognized the need to revisit the recycling program costs in the Town of Dundee. While examining the expenses incurred by the town due to violations caused by incorrect materials in the carts, we have found that we average two loads per week to the recycling station. When a load is rejected, it incurs an additional cost of \$200.00 per load, plus the expense of dumping it on the station's floor, which amounts to \$ 150.00 per load, resulting in an average total of \$350.00. This represents a significant increase from our typical landfill costs, which range from \$150.00 to \$200.00 per load without any rejections. Staff is seeking direction from the commission. If the commission prefers to cancel and not increase the recycling rates, staff requests setting a date to discontinue the recycling program, allowing residents to keep their current recycling carts until they break. Once a cart breaks, it will be collected by staff, and if residents wish to obtain a second cart, they would need to pay a \$7 fee that will be added to their water account for billing, which would cover the extra cost of disposing of the additional can.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE** 

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: At the will of the commission

**ATTACHMENTS:** Recycling Proposed Changes