



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION
FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2025
RE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-88: WASTE MANAGEMENT REFUSE
COLLECTION RATE INCREASE

Introduction

Resolution Number 25-88 increases Waste Management total refuse rates for residential customers by \$1.10 cents or 5.05%, overall, effective January 1, 2026. Commercial rates vary depending on the service, but the increase will be similar to the residential rate increase. While the Garbage and Trash Collection Index (G&TC) increased by 5.36%, the actual percentage increase was less due to the Disposal fee increasing by 4.83% (or \$0.33 per residential customer), the Franchise Fee increasing 5% (or \$0.07 per residential customer), and the Billing Charge remaining unchanged. The G&TC measures items attributable to the prices paid by consumers for a market basket of goods and services. Factors which impact the G&TC include tariffs, steel, tires, and fuel costs.

The contract with Waste Management renewed February 20, 2025. The agreement states the rates shall be adjusted annually, effective January 1, by the Garbage and Trash Index Collection Consumer Price Index, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval of Resolution Number 25-88.

Background

The City of Eustis contracts with Waste Management, Inc. of Florida (WMI), via an exclusive franchise agreement, to provide environmentally-sound solid waste collection services to the City's residents and commercial customers. New for 2025, residential waste is hauled to Reworld Waste-to-Energy Plant for disposal.

The complete schedule of Residential and Commercial Rates is attached to the Staff Report for your review. While the hauling overall index increased 5.36%, the disposal rate index increased by 4.83%. Both indexes are provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the combined total rate increased 5.05%. The Franchise fee only increased 5.0% based on the combined cost of the Hauling Fee plus the Disposal Fee ($\$13.83 + \$7.18 = \$21.01 \times 7\% = \1.47).

The proposed collection rate for 2026 is \$13.83 based on the Garbage and Trash Collection CPI, an increase of \$1.10 cents per month over the current rate.

<u>Breakdown of Increase in Fees</u>	<u>March 1, 2025</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>January 1, 2026</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
The Solid Waste Collection	\$13.13	5.36%	\$13.83	\$0.70
Disposal Fee	6.85	4.83%	7.18	\$0.33
Franchise Fee (7% Hauling & Disposal)	1.40	5.00%	1.47	\$0.07
Billing Charge	0.42	0.00%	0.42	\$0.00
<u>Total Charges</u>	<u>\$21.80</u>	<u>5.05%</u>	<u>\$22.90</u>	<u>\$1.10</u>

Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution Number 25-88 increasing the total refuse rates by \$1.10 cents per month for a single-family home.
2. Reject Resolution Number 25-88 and provide further direction to staff.

Community Input

Opportunity for community input will be provided during the regularly scheduled public commission meeting to be held on November 20, 2025. The meeting will be advertised according to law.

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Attachments

- Resolution Number 25-88
- Exhibits 2 through 6 Residential and Commercial Rates
- CPI Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG, CUUS0000SEHG
- CPI Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02, CUUR0000SEHG02