# ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** August 07, 2023

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2023-28 Annual Solid Waste Assessment Rate

## BACKGROUND

On August 20, 2018, Ordinance 2018-15 Greenacres Solid Waste Collection Services Assessment was adopted on second reading, authoring the imposition of an assessment on the tax bill for solid waste collection and recycling charges. The assessment took the place of the semi-annual direct billing of solid waste and recycling charges by the City that was billed for more than 25 years.

## ANALYSIS

This resolution will formally adopt the solid waste assessment roll to be provided to the property appraiser as necessary for inclusion on the 2023 tax bill and set the assessment rates for the fiscal 2024 solid waste collection and recycling charges. The Greenacres solid waste assessment is billed in advance for solid waste collection and recycling services for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The Greenacres assessment for solid waste collection and recycling is distinguishable from the Solid Waste Authority's assessment on the tax bill from solid waste disposal costs at the County's landfills.

Greenacres solid waste assessment rates are designed to generate the revenues necessary to cover the contractual and administrative costs of providing the solid waste and recycling collection services. The City uses three (3) rate tiers based on the type of service provided and the frequency of collection. Curbside service rates are higher than containerized rates due to the increased number of individual stops at each individual residence to provide collection services. Multi-family developments using containerized services result in efficiencies and cost savings for the City's contracted waste hauler that are passed on to those property owners resulting in lower rates. The following annual residential rates are proposed:

| Fiscal 2024 Annual Residential Collection Rates (Assessed on 2023 Tax Bill) | Proposed Rates | With 4% Tax Collector Discount |
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| Curbside pickup | $184.90 | $177.50 |
| Containerized pickup (dumpsters) 2x/week | $123.40 | $118.50 |
| Containerized pickup (dumpsters) 3x/week | $163.20 | $156.70 |

The total assessment for a residential duplex would be calculated by multiplying the number of residential units in the duplex by the Annual assessment rate, as shown in the example below:

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| Parcel #: <u>18-42-43-27-01-001-0001</u> | Address: <u>123 Greenacres Lane, Greenacres FL 33467</u> |
| Number of residential units <u>2</u> x Annual garbage rate $ <u>$184.90</u> = Total assessment $ <u>$369.80</u> | |

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The estimated cost of residential solid waste collection and recycling services for the fiscal year 2024, including administrative and franchise fees, is $2,648,326 to be covered by residential solid waste assessments totaling $2,662,679. (See Exhibits A & B of Resolution 2023- 28).

The above proposed total assessment for 2023 includes a 3.5% increase in the annual garbage rate from the 2022 annual garbage rate. The 3.5% increase for 2023 is based on the City's solid waste franchise agreement, which allows for the annual garbage rate to change based on the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) change for trash collection services. For the assessment year 2023, the annual residential assessment rates will be adjusted to reflect the change in the City's annual garbage rate.  Per City's contract, the maximum annual allowable increase is 3.5%.

## LEGAL

Resolution 2023-28 has been prepared in accordance with applicable City regulations.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Council approval of Resolution 2023-28 to adopt the solid waste assessment roll and set the final assessment rates for the solid waste assessment on the 2023 tax bill that covers the solid waste collection and recycling services for the period beginning October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, the City's 2023-24 fiscal year.

Attachments:
      Exhibit A - Greenacres FY2024 Solid Waste Rates for 2023 Tax Bill
      Exhibit B - Greenacres Cost of Residential Solid Waste Collection and Recycling
            Services