



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025
FROM: Scott Schultz, Asst. Water Utilities Director
SUBJECT: City Council approval to amend the city's Code of Ordinances to allow the discharge of "Hauled Waste" into the Harbor Road WWTF and establish the associated fees. *Scott Schultz*

BACKGROUND

Staff is requesting the ability to accept certain "Hauled Wastes", specifically, but not limited to, septic tank waste, at the Harbor Road WWTF. The justification follows.

- There are limited locations where companies can dump septic tank waste from pumped septic systems. FDEP encourages facilities to accept these wastes if the treatment process is not negatively affected.
- The Harbor Road WWTF is minimally loaded and the additional loading from septic tank trucks will be beneficial to the treatment process. The new plant is designed to treat 1.25 million gallons of waste per day (MGD) but is currently receiving approximately 0.55 MGD
- As part of the recently completed new Harbor Road WWTF facility, a septage pad was added to the construction to efficiently allow the discharge of hauled wastes. The pad's original intent was to develop a location to dump and properly process materials collected by the city's VacCon trucks from the cleaning of stormwater and wastewater collection systems.
- There is an opportunity to provide an urgently needed public service while generating funds to support the operation and maintenance of the system.

The following additional information applies.

- Initially the use will be limited to wastes generated in Clay County. This policy may be reviewed after implementation and development of a baseline loading / usage.
- Initially the use will be limited to septic tank waste only. This policy may be reviewed after implementation to include other wastes – for example, non-city Vac Truck (collection system) wastes.
- The initial fee for utilizing this service will be \$90.00 / 1000 gallons as determined by vehicle capacity. This fee is in alignment with other systems that allow the discharge of hauled wastes into their system (JEA, City of Ocala).
- Staff reserves the right to discontinue this service if the director determines there is a negative effect on the system.

An attachment is included as a draft amendment to the Code.

FISCAL IMPACT

To be determined

RECOMMENDATION

City Council approval for staff to amend the Code of Ordinances to include the acceptance of Hauled Wastes and establish the associated fees.