

Thanks to our Lake Park Commissioners for making this a dedicated Lake Shore Drive meeting and for allowing us to make our presentations at the top of the meeting. Many Lake Shore Drive issues are unique, and the commissioners recognized this reality by accepting our requests.

I will give the first presentation regarding trash removal funding changes. Yes, this issue is a town wide issue.

I will be brief.

FISCAL ISSUES

The town is considering categorizing condos as “commercial’ establishments. The town is considering no longer collecting trash removal costs in our taxes and instead invoicing condos directly for trash removal. This raises the rates for condos for trash removal.

- What is the impetus for this radical change in how trash fees are collected?
- Is this the harbinger of additional changes regarding collections for other Lake Park provided services?
- If no, then why single out trash?

Or, is this necessitated by the previously mentioned \$80,000 shortfall in revenue for trash collections. For 2700 residences that the per residence cost for making up the shortfall is around \$30/residence.

WHY ARE CONDOS BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY FROM OTHER RESIDENCES INCLUDING RENTAL UNITS AND SMALLER CONDOS.

Private Home rentals are businesses. 4 unit properties are businesses. Apartment buildings are businesses. These are businesses for profit.

Condos are not-for profit. Condos are not businesses.

COLLECTION TIME FOR 501 LAKE SHORE DRIVE

I timed the trucks picking up trash from 501 Lake Shore Drive. At 501, we have 48 units. For regular trash it took 4 minutes from the time they turned off Lake Shore Drive to the time they left our exit gate. Compare this to the time it takes to pick up from 48 private homes.

501 has eight recycle bins...48 private homes will have at least 96 recycle bins.

TRASH VOLUME

- Private homes have more bedrooms
- Private homes have more kids

- In most circumstances, a private home would likely produce more trash than a multi dwelling.
- Our 55 and over community surely creates less trash than a private home with more residents and kids on average.
- All our units at 301, 401, 501 and 801 Lake Shore Drive are 2 BR. Many private homes are larger with the expectation that there are more residents in a larger home.
- We have 0 kids at 501. The expectation is that a residence with kids create more trash than an over 55 condo.

OTHER PERTINENT FISCAL ISSUES

Boards do not currently have a line items in budgets for trash. Our budgets are created at least a year in advance. Trash removal costs are currently paid by unit owners in their taxes. If there is a need to collect an additional \$80,000, spread it out evenly not solely on the backs of condos. Apportion it according to the actual cost for trash collection per residence

It seems reasonable that private residences would be charged **more** not **less** that multi-dwelling condos since private residences take more time to collect trash and are creating more trash than condos.

TRASH REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

We were informed at the second reading of this proposed change that condos with dumpsters require specialized dumpster collecting trucks. Does this suggested change require fewer dumpster trucks needed for trash pick up. Aren't there still needs for dumpster trucks for other structures?

Silly question: Can we opt out of Lake Park Collections? Commercial rates seem to be less \$\$\$ for similar schedules for trash removal.

CLOSING

- It makes sense that major factors that determine costs for trash removal are quantity (and the associated landfill charges) and time it takes to collect the trash.
- Yes, the quality of recycling materials also plays a role.
- Yes, the cost for the equipment is also a factor which I previously addressed.

We appreciate that the town always acts in our behalf. Bravo to you all for doing a great job in difficult times. We all recognize the major improvements in Lake Park. And even more to follow in the future. This change in how trash removal cost are collected, while not a large

fiscal issue, does raise broader questions regarding to the actual cost of trash removal for various property categories.

Commissioners: Please share the burden of needed additional revenue to cover Lake Park trash removal equally and fairly. Please do not place this burden solely on the back of condos. Condos who create less trash and enable faster pick up's when compared to private homes and rental properties.

Thanks for your time and attention.