



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves

FROM: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2025-02 Amending Chapter 38 re Solid Waste of the Town's Code of Ordinances

Background:

This item presents Ordinance 2025-02, updating the Town's solid waste regulations in Chapter 38 of the Town Code. The goal is to modernize definitions, strengthen service and enforcement standards, and ensure the Town remains compliant with state law. Approval will support the Town's ongoing efforts to maintain solid waste oversight, including livestock waste, in compliance with Florida law.

Key updates in Ordinance 2025-02 include:

- Clear definitions for residential, commercial, bulk, vegetative, construction and demolition (C&D), special, and livestock waste.
- Requirements for livestock waste to be stored and collected in watertight, covered roll-off containers.
- Enforcement tools to address improper disposal and public nuisances.
- Updated standards for solid waste billing, lien collection, and franchise oversight.

This ordinance supports the Town's *transition to a non-exclusive franchise system for livestock waste haulers*, which is being brought forward for discussion separately under the Livestock Waste Franchise Program item. State law now prohibits towns from using permit or registration systems for livestock waste. However, the change in state law does not prohibit the Town from entering into one or more franchise agreements for livestock waste removal and related services.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2025-02 on first reading and scheduling the matter for second reading at the June 3, 2025 meeting.