



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

Agenda Item # 1

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves
FROM: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager
DATE: April 18, 2023
SUBJECT: Solid Waste Ordinance and Contract Amendments

Background:

Currently, residential service includes solid waste cart service, recycling service, and six cubic yards of vegetative waste collection. Residential service is based on dwelling units, which is calculated by rooftops and is charged at \$400 per dwelling unit collected by the Town on the tax roll. Commercial service is currently solid waste service through cart or container and recycling service, charged at a series of different rates based on the level of collection. Commercial service rates are collected by the Contractor through billing. Commercial franchise fees significantly offset residential collection rates.

Staff have been addressing needed updates to the Solid Waste Collection Ordinance and Contract to re-visit service provided. One of the major considerations is residential vegetation service.

Potential Changes in Service

Mr. John Archambo, formerly of the Solid Waste Authority, will present and facilitate discussion of service options including but not limited to the following options:

- Continue with current contract, including current yard waste language. However, the Town may also want to implement and enforce a strengthened yard waste ordinance as SWA/County successfully adopted and implemented. This would provide residents a stringent timeline to have non-conforming yard waste removed or to pay higher daily fines without requiring magistrate meeting.
- Negotiate with current provider for an increased yard waste amount of 20, 30 or unlimited cubic yards of collection service.
- RFP for yard waste collection only to include residential and/or commercial which would include options for the above rate structures.
- Provide in-house service (very costly)
- Consider the cost of operating a yard waste location in the Town to deliver debris exceeding the SWA credit amount. The Town would save on collection and transport time; however,



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must look at reduction and final destination cost (This could be a future location for hurricane debris)

- Consideration of a yard waste/manure transfer station. The Town could have a tip fee for the manure offsetting yard waste cost. Any movement in this direction will take time to research and implement.

Proposed Ordinance Revisions (1st Reading passed June 15, 2021)

Staff previously proposed to redefine the service to require either residential or commercial service on each property within the Town. Residential service would include, similar to now, solid waste service (one cart), recycling service, and six cubic yards of vegetative waste collection. Properties receiving residential service could obtain up to two residential service subscriptions and two additional carts through special services (total of up to four carts of solid waste, twelve cubic yards of vegetative waste, and recycling). Commercial service would be service for any property being used for a commercial purpose or desires to obtain service in excess of the residential service. Residential service is still proposed to be collected on the tax roll, while Commercial service and special services will be billed by the Contractor.

Preliminary Ordinance changes are attached for discussion. The Contract amendments (or structure of RFP) will depend on whether changes are made to the Ordinance.

Recommendations:

Discussion and direction.