

1. Requested Action:

Meeting Date: August 1, 2011

Approval to support the solid waste assessment proposal to provide an overall price decrease to customer classes within the Town of Fort Myers beach.

Why the action is necessary:

To provide direction to staff regarding an upcoming public hearing associated with the solid waste assessment.

What the action accomplishes:

This provides direction.

2. Agenda:

- Consent
- Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

- Resolution
- Ordinance

4. Submitter of Information:

- Council
- Town Staff - Public Works

5. Background:

Effect October 1, 2010 Lee County entered into a new contract for solid waste disposal which included the corporate limits of Fort Myers Beach. With the implementation of the new contract residential recycling was converted from dual-stream to single stream collection which has been reported to show the efficiencies as projected. The County has also completed its Construction and Debris recycling facility, composting facility, and the expansion to the waste to energy facility.

Due to these modifications Lee County Solid Waste Division has determined that an assessment adjustment is prudent. Although some components of the assessment are proposed to increase the overall change represents a decrease for all customer classes. The residential rates are proposed to decrease by \$14.76 per year and a decrease of approximately 23% to Commercial and Multi-Family Units.

6. Alternative Action:

Do not support the assessment adjustment.

7. Management Recommendations:

Support

8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Cultural Resources Director	Town Clerk
						

9. Council Action:

- Approved
- Denied
- Deferred
- Other



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**SUBJECT: FY 2011/2012 Solid Waste Assessments and Disposal Rates
BOCC Public Hearing of August 9, 2011, 9:30 AM**

Frank Mann
District Five

Karen B. Hawes
County Manager

Dear Mayor Kiker:

Diana M. Parker
County Hearing
Examiner

The Solid Waste Division is pleased to provide to you the proposed assessments and disposal fees for FY 2011/2012. A public hearing to consider a Resolution establishing the annual assessments for the next fiscal year is scheduled for August 9, 2011 at 9:30 AM in the old County Court House. We propose to decrease the gate disposal fee, from \$55.00 per ton to \$40.00 per ton, and to decrease the disposal facilities assessment from \$19.00 to \$12.00 per ton.

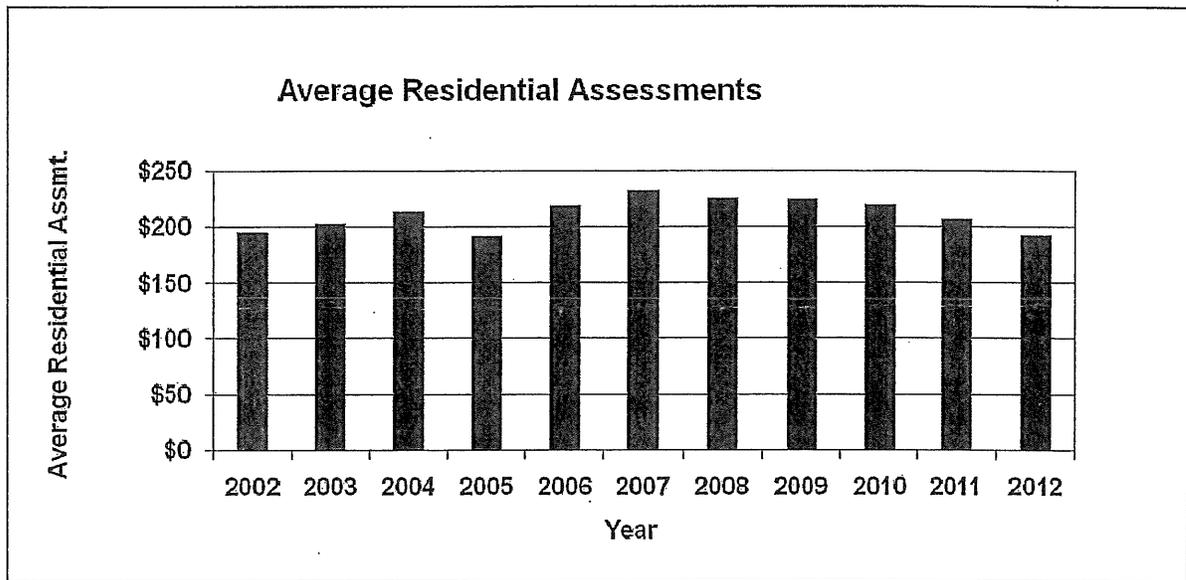
The Division's proposed assessments and fees mean that all residential curbside customers will pay a reduced amount for solid waste collection and disposal services. The collection cost for businesses and multifamily properties will increase about 2% while their disposal cost will decrease by about 23%. The County's residential charges are for collection, disposal, recycling, household chemical waste, customer service, and other services.

The Solid Waste Division has continued to provide efficiencies within the entire solid waste system. The conversion of the recycling facility from dual-stream to single-stream was completed last September and is performing well. The County recently started operating its new C&D recycling facility that recovers materials from construction debris. The expanded waste to energy facility is operating well such that waste is not exported to the landfill. We will keep the Town's staff apprised of our continuing projects.

The following table provides a summary of the proposed assessments and disposal rates for FY 2011/12. The residential assessment for Ft. Myers Beach is proposed at \$185.71 per unit per year, a decrease of \$14.76 from the current assessment.

	Fiscal Year 10/11	Fiscal Year 11/12	% Change
Gate Disposal Fee (per ton)	\$55.00	\$ 40.00	- 27.27 %
Facilities Assmt. (per ton)	\$19.00	\$ 12.00	- 36.84 %
Ft. Myers Beach Res. Collection	\$129.48	\$132.12	2.00 %
Disposal (per unit)	\$44.00	\$ 32.80	- 25.45 %
Horticulture (per unit)	\$ 4.22	\$ 5.28	25.12 %
Facilities Assmt. (per unit)	\$15.20	\$ 9.84	- 35.26 %
Billing Cost (per unit)	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.42	0 %
Surcharges (per unit)	\$ 5.15	\$ 6.25	21.36 %
Residential Credit		(\$ 3.00)	-
Ft. Myers Bch. Resi. Assmt.	\$200.47	\$185.71	- 7.60 %

The chart below provides a historical comparison of residential solid waste assessments. This chart indicates that there have been increases and decreases, but the average rate has been stable during the past with minimal escalation. It is the Division's goal to maintain this stability to the extent reasonable.



If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 533-8000.

Mayor Kiker
June 28, 2011
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lindsey J. Sampson".

Lindsey J. Sampson, Director
Solid Waste Division

LJS:

cc: D. Meurer
S. Covert
Terry Stewart, Town Manager
✓ Kathy Lewis, FMB PW Dir.
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