

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO:	Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members
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FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 26, 2024

TITLE: **DISCUSS THE INCORPORATION OF THE SINGLE-FAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM FEE, WHICH IS PRESENTLY COVERED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS SANITATION FUND, AS A DISTINCT LINE ITEM ON THE UTILITY BILL TO PASS THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FEE.**

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Over the past decade, the cost of the single-family recycling program has been absorbed by the Public Works Sanitation fund. Please note this does not include any multi-family accounts. The cost of the program has previously been between \$210,000 to \$250,000 per year as per the current agreement with Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Department.

In 2022, there was a substantial increase in the program cost, which the Sanitation Fund can no longer absorb. The costs went from \$20K per month in 2022 to over \$35K in 2023, and expected to increase significantly again in 2025.

This concern was discussed at the May 20th, 2024, Commission Budget Retreat. Sponsoring Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt made a recommendation to move forward to the appropriate Committee and Commission meetings for discussion, with a recommendation to have this cost become a pass-through cost (passed onto the residential utility bill, separately from waste service fees) as proposed by the Public Works Department.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The current and proposed FY25 recycling rates are as follows:

Miami Beach Residents

- **FY24** \$7.20/monthly or \$86.40/yearly
- **FY25** \$7.42/monthly or \$88.99/yearly

It is important to note that FY25 rates include a 3% increase based on the previous year's (prior to FY24) maximum allowable Consumer Price Index (CPI) agreement. However, due to the recent unexpected mid-year increase from Miami Dade County Solid Waste (MDCSW), the rates went from \$3.89 per month per home to \$7.20. We anticipate future rate increases from MDCSW but it is unknown at this time what the exact cost will be.

CONCLUSION

The following is presented to the FERC members for discussion and further direction.

Applicable Area

Citywide

<u>Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?</u>	<u>Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?</u>
Yes	No

Department

Public Works

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

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