



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: September 11, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING, TO INCORPORATE 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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends approving the Resolution.

**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 increased from \$20,000 per month in 2022 to over \$35,000 in 2023 and expected to increase significantly again in this current year. The increase has not yet been determined.

This concern was discussed at the May 20, 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.

At its June 6, 2024, meeting, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved a referral (item C4 E) to the July 26, 2024, Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC) to discuss this request. At its July 26, 2024 meeting, FERC Committee Members made a favorable recommendation to move the item to the City Commission for approval, to have the single-family recycling program, 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/month or \$86.40/year
- FY25 \$7.42/month or \$88.99/year

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 increased 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 Administration recommends accepting the FERC recommendation to have the single-family recycling program fee, become a pass-through cost (passed onto the residential utility bill, separately from waste service fees).

## **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

Yes

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

## **Department**

Public Works

## **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

## **Condensed Title**

Accept Rec, Incorporate Single-Family Recycling Program Fee to Pass Thru MDC Fee. (Bhatt)  
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