

C4 H REFERRAL TO FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO
DISCUSS ST. JOHN'S COUNTY TERMINATING ITS EXCLUSIVE WASTE
HAULING CONTRACT WITH FCC.

Applicable Area:



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
DATE: September 11, 2024
TITLE: REFERRAL TO FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ST. JOHN'S COUNTY TERMINATING ITS EXCLUSIVE WASTE HAULING CONTRACT WITH FCC.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place on the September 11, 2024 City Commission consent agenda a referral to the September 20, 2024 Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee meeting to discuss St. John's County terminating its exclusive waste hauling contract with FCC (see attached article). This discussion is time sensitive given the City is improvidently considering switching from its decades long multi-hauler franchise system to an exclusive franchise.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NA

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

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?** Yes

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): Ralph E. Andrade

Department

Office of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC - St. John's County Terminating Its Exclusive Waste Hauling Contract with FCC.
(Rosen Gonzalez)

Board Moves Forward with Terminating FCC Solid Waste Contract

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At its regular meeting on Aug. 20, 2024, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) took actions to address the concerning performance of its solid waste provider, FCC Environmental Services (FCC). [Watch the Board discussion here.](#)

These actions included placing an emergency item on the regular agenda to discuss the service levels of the FCC, which subsequently led to the BOCC unanimously declaring a local state of emergency and approving a motion for the County Attorney's Office to proceed with the process to terminate the FCC contract. The County plans to immediately seek opportunities to solicit interim supplemental service providers to supplement FCC solid waste services in the meantime.

The BOCC also [unanimously approved St. Johns County Emergency Order 2024-2](#) to use all available resources to get all yard waste picked up and off the streets as soon as possible. The local state of emergency is necessary pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2021-4, which resulted from FCC's failure to collect all household trash, recycling, and yard waste. The emergency order is to prevent a serious threat to public health and safety.

Under the current local state of emergency, the deadlines for the two current Requests for Proposals (RFP) for providers will be shortened.

"The County has heard from our community about their disappointment and frustrations with FCC," County Administrator Joy Andrews said. "Today, our leadership took bold, aggressive steps to clean up this mess. A new journey begins to regain the confidence of our community when it comes to reassuring them that their trash will be picked up when it should be picked up and they will receive the quality customer service they deserve. It is important to note, under our current contract with FCC, the Board's decision to terminate does not alleviate FCC's responsibility to continue providing services under the current contract."

[Solid Waste Division](#)

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