



**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING RE: SANITATION SERVICES DISCUSSION AGENDA  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Vince Lago)  
Monday, June 29, 2020**

**PURPOSE:**

This Sunshine Meeting was called by Vice Mayor Vince Lago. The purpose of this meeting is to have a constructive discussion regarding the City of Coral Gables’ commercial and residential sanitation services. As solid waste fees continue to increase due to pass-throughs imposed by Miami-Dade County, the intent of this meeting is to have a proactive conversation on how we can curb future fee increases that are being passed on to Coral Gables residents and think of ways in which the City can potentially save money. This meeting ***IS NOT*** intended to discuss the removal of trash pits or valet service.

**The following topics will be discussed by the Commission and expected to be addressed by City Staff:**

- 1) A discussion on how we can address the growing concern of private landscapers illegally dumping landscape debris in the City of Coral Gables which are a contributing factor in the solid waste fee.
- 2) A discussion on how we can reduce pass-through fees that are being passed on to taxpayers and offer solutions on how those costs can be returned to the residents. For Example: Discuss ways in which we can offset any potential increases (refer to Solid Waste Fee History in graphic below).

**SOLID WASTE FEE HISTORY**

FY	Early Payment		Regular Payment		Reason for Increase
	Fee	\$ Inc	Fee	\$ Inc	
2011	\$ 685	\$ -	\$ 760	\$ -	No change
2012	\$ 690	\$ 5	\$ 768	\$ 8	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$59K
2013	\$ 694	\$ 4	\$ 776	\$ 8	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$52K
2014	\$ 715	\$ 21	\$ 796	\$ 20	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$140K & Incinerator Site Debt Service \$100K
2015	\$ 729	\$ 14	\$ 812	\$ 16	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$46K; Temp Worker Contract Adjustment \$67K; Other Operating Expenses \$53K
2016	\$ 729	\$ -	\$ 812	\$ -	No change
2017	\$ 743	\$ 14	\$ 869	\$ 57	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$163K; Tax Bill Discount and County Collection Fees \$300k
2018	\$ 750	\$ 7	\$ 878	\$ 9	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$84K
2019	\$ 756	\$ 6	\$ 886	\$ 8	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$68K
2020	\$ 762	\$ 6	\$ 894	\$ 8	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$65K
2021	\$ 810	\$ 48	\$ 898	\$ 4	Disposal Fee Incease pass through \$33K; Reduction of Early Payment Discount \$351k

- 3) A discussion regarding the consideration of new sanitation machinery and the safety concerns of sanitation workers.
- 4) Recycling update regarding the proposed bins.
- 5) How can we address homes that have excess of the allotted garbage and recycling bins?
- 6) Are we enforcing cubic yard limits for trash pits?
- 7) Discuss current commercial waste hauling RFP. Are we allowing for interested parties to provide recommendations based on past experiences with other municipalities?
- 8) Open discussion between City Commission and City staff.