



ITEM NO. RES-2017-187

DATE: 09/05/2017

AGENDA REQUEST

*PUBLIC HEARINGS\COUNTY ATTORNEY

TO: Board of County Commissioners

PRESENTED BY: Katherine Barbieri, Asst. County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY: County Attorney

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Final Assessment Resolution

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Chapter 38, Code of Ordinances and Compiled Laws of St. Lucie County, the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) has the authority to impose annual assessments for solid waste (garbage and recycling) collection, disposal and administrative services, facilities or programs against certain property within St. Lucie County.

On September 14, 2004, the Board initially levied recurring assessments on residential properties within the County Solid Waste Urban Service Area for the purpose of including solid waste fees on property tax bills. This method of collection is in lieu of the garbage hauler billing property owners directly for garbage and recycling services. The purpose for this action is to provide residential property owners and occupants proper, safe and cost effective disposal residential waste and recyclable materials generated on such property.

On June 20, 2017, the Board adopted Resolution No. 17-136, the Solid Waste Initial Assessment Resolution which initiated the process for imposing and collecting the solid waste assessments for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2017 (FY 2017-18). The initial resolution authorized solid waste assessments for FY 2017-18 at a rate of \$252.06 per dwelling unit, approved collection of the assessments on the November 2017 tax bill, established a public hearing to be held on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as may be heard) to receive comments from affected property owners, and directed the publication and mailing of notice to affected property owners.

The Solid Waste Final Assessment Resolution confirms the initial resolution, approves the assessment rate for FY 2017-18 and directs certification of the assessment roll to the Tax Collector. The final resolution also provides that the assessment rate for future years may be increased to \$280 per dwelling unit without further notice to affected property owners. Notice of the potential rate increase for future years was included in the mailing to affected property owners.

The Property Appraiser has prepared the solid waste assessment roll:

Assessment Roll "A" contains residential properties within the County Solid Waste Urban Service Area

at the 2017 assessment rate of \$252.06 per dwelling unit.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

January 13, 2009 - The Board approved advertising the Request for Proposals for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services.

May 12, 2009 - The Board awarded RFP No. 09-020 to Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. For an initial period of five (5) years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

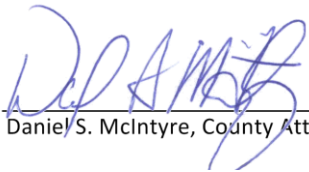
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt the Solid Waste Final Assessment resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Coordination/Signatures



Daniel S. McIntyre, County Attorney

8/22/2017