



# Baldwin County Commission

## Legislation Text

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**Meeting Date:** 9/6/2022

**Item Status:** New

**From:** Terri Graham, Development and Environmental Director

**Submitted by:** Suzanne Doughty, Accounting Manager

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### **ITEM TITLE**

Revision of Baldwin County Commission Policy 7.6 - Solid Waste Residential Garbage Service Rates and Late Fees

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution #2022-159, which approves the revision of Baldwin County Commission Policy 7.6 - Solid Waste Residential Garbage Service Rates and Late Fees.

The updated policy increases the monthly residential service fee from \$16.00/month to \$17.00/month effective January 1, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **Previous Commission action/date:**

08/06/2019 - Last revision to this policy which eliminated the requirement for a residential garbage deposit fee of \$30.00.

01/19/2016 - Policy revision which changed service fee of \$18.70/month (\$14.95/service fee plus \$3.75/cart rental fee) to \$16.00/monthly (which includes use of a mandatory Baldwin County cart).

**Background:** BCC Policy 7.6 - Solid Waste Residential Service Rates, Solid Waste Residential Garbage Account Late Fees provides for the establishment of Solid Waste Residential Garbage Services Rates and Late Fees for the Solid Waste Residential Accounts. The policy revision increases the monthly residential garbage service fee from \$16.00/month to \$17.00/month effective January 1, 2023. The quarterly and seasonally billed customers will see a comparable change to their rate based on the monthly increase. The delay in implementing the rate increase will provide the department necessary time to notify its customers by including rate change notices/correspondence with the billing processes beginning with the October 2022 billing cycle and continuing through the December 2022 billing cycle. Staff will also post the rate change on the departmental website beginning October 1, 2022. The rate increase is necessary due to increase garbage collection operational expenses resulting from negative impacts on heavy duty trucks' supply chain. Rates will be evaluated every 2 (two) years during the budget cycle to ensure a balanced

operational budget.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Total cost of recommendation:** Additional revenue of \$43,333.00 per month for an approx. total of \$390,000.00, January 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023.

**Budget line item(s) to be used:** 511 45411

**If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?**  
N/A

### **LEGAL IMPACT**

**Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?**  
Yes

**Reviewed/approved by:** County Attorney, Brad Hicks

**Additional comments:** N/A

### **ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS**

**Is advertising required for this recommendation?** N/A

**If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason:** N/A

### **FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION**

**For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up:** N/A

**Individual(s) responsible for follow up:** Terri Graham, Development and Environmental Director  
Suzanne Doughty, Accounting Manager

**Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):**  
BCSW to include rate change notification on billing statements, as well as including rate change informational flyer in with each mailed statement, beginning with the October 2022 and continuing through the December 2022 billing cycles.

Post upcoming rate change on departmental website beginning October 1, 2022.

**Additional instructions/notes:** N/A